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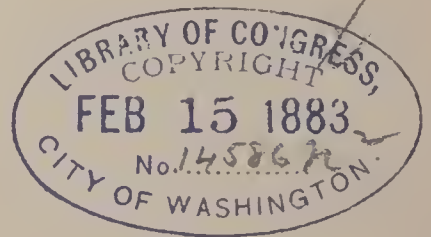
# CHRISTIAN WORK

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## CONSOLATION:

THE PROBLEM OF AN EFFECTIVE AND  
HAPPY LIFE.

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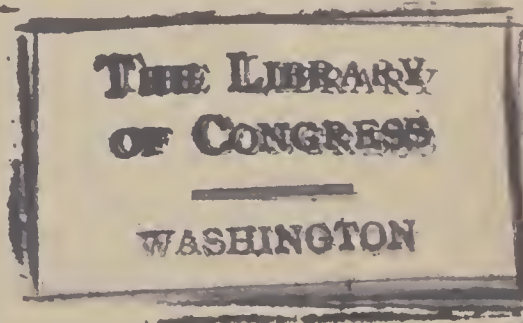
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"STAND THOU STILL AWHILE, THAT I MAY SHOW THEE THE  
WORD OF GOD."—*1 Samuel ix. 27.*

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## DEDICATION.

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PAGES MAY BRING A DAILY THOUGHT  
OF THE "EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES" OF GOD  
TO HIS CHILDREN, THIS LITTLE BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY DED-  
ICATED, WITH THE PRAYER THAT THE "WORD OF HIS GRACE,  
WHICH IS ABLE TO BUILD" THEM UP, MAY ALSO AT THE LAST  
GIVE THEM "AN INHERITANCE AMONG ALL THEM WHICH ARE  
SANCTIFIED."

M. H. S.



## JANUARY I.

DAYS should speak, and multitude of years  
should teach wisdom.                      JOB xxxii. 7.

LORD, our times are in thy hand :  
All our sanguine hopes have planned ;  
To thy wisdom we resign,  
And would mould our wills to thine.  
Thou our daily task shall give :  
Day by day to thee we live :  
So shall added years fulfil  
Not our own : our Father's will.

CONDER.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy ; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY 2.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. GAL. vi. 2.

So others shall  
Take patience, labor, to their heart and hand,  
From thy heart, and thy hand, and thy brave cheer,  
And God's grace fructify through thee to all.  
The least flower, with a brimming cup may stand,  
And share its dew-drop with another near.

MRS. E. B. BROWNING.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our sympathizing Saviour, draw thou near to all who in this transitory life are in any sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and so hallow all their crosses in this life, that thou may'st crown them hereafter where all tears are wiped away, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 3.

YOUR life is hid with Christ in God.

COL. iii. 3.

THE tempter comes with guileful art,  
To snare me in some thought of sin :  
I breathe in prayer one Blessed Name —  
Jesus, — “a place to hide me in.”  
O hidden “life with Christ in God,”  
Let me thy blest abiding win !  
The shadow of God’s lovingness —  
Jesus — “a place to hide me in.”

M. K. A. S.

THAT it may please thee to strengthen such as do  
stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted ;  
and to raise up those who fall ; and finally to beat down  
Satan under our feet : we beseech thee to hear us, good  
Lord !

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JANUARY 4:

EVENING, and morning, and at noon-day, will I  
pray. PSALM lv. 17.

HE every moment waits to give,  
Watch thou unwearied to receive.  
Prayer is the Christian pilgrim's staff,  
To walk with God all day :  
When midnight veils our eyes,  
Oh, it is sweet to say,  
"I sleep, but my heart waketh, Lord,  
With thee to watch and pray !"

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the bliss of the right-  
eous, mercifully receive the prayers of thy suppli-  
ants, that the souls which thirst for thy promises, may  
evermore be filled from thine abundance, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY 5.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee : because he trusteth in thee.

ISAIAH xxvi. 3.

My Saviour, why should I complain,  
And why fear aught but sin ?  
Distractions are but outward things ;  
Thy peace dwells far within.  
These surface-troubles come and go  
Like rufflings of the sea :  
The deeper depth is out of reach  
To all, my God, but thee.

FABER.

O LORD, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY 6.

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**T**HAT was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. JOHN i. 9.

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HOLY Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way :  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

W. C. DIX.

—◆—  
**A**Lmighty GOD, who hast made known the Incarnation of thy Son by the bright shining of a star, grant that the Star of thy righteousness may always shine in our hearts, and that, as our treasure, we may give ourselves, and all we possess to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY 7.

MY heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel  
is, that they might be saved. ROM. x. 1.

HAST thou, my Master, aught for me to do  
To honor thee to-day ?  
Hast thou a word of love to some poor soul  
That I may say ?  
For see : this world that thou hast made so fair,  
Within its heart is sad ?  
Thousands are lonely, thousands sigh and weep :  
But few are glad.

MRS. E. PRENTISS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee to hear our  
prayers for all such as sin against thee or neglect  
to serve thee, that thou wouldst bestow upon them true  
contrition, and an earnest desire to devote themselves to  
thy holy service, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 8.

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all ac-  
ception, that Christ Jesus came into the  
world to save sinners : of whom I am chief.

I TIM. i. 15.

NOT thine Omniscience, but thy grace,  
Leads me to seek thee day and night :  
When I should shrink from human face  
Were this frail heart in human sight.  
Hope that thy love will hide my shame  
With pardon tender, full, and sweet,  
Bestowed when asked in Jesus' name : —  
This bows me, Father, at thy feet !

HARRIET McEWEN KIMBALL.

THOU that takest away the sins of the world, re-  
ceive our prayer ! *Amen.*

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JANUARY 9.

THOUGH I walk in the midst of trouble, thou  
wilt revive me. PSALM cxxxviii. 7.

WHATE'ER my God ordains is right :  
My Light, my Life is he !  
Who cannot will me aught but good ;  
I trust him utterly,  
For well I know  
In joy or woe,  
We soon shall see as sunlight clear,  
How faithful was our Guardian here.

S. RODIGAST.

UNTO every Christian soul, O Lord, that is afflicted,  
or plunged into distress, grant thou mercy, grant  
relief, grant refreshment, we beseech thee, for Christ's  
sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 10.

WHATSOEVER ye do, in word or deed, do all in  
the Name of the Lord Jesus. COL. iii. 17.

THE deeds we do, the words we say,  
Into still air they seem to fleet :  
We count them ever past.  
But they shall last :  
In the dread judgment, they  
And we shall meet.

KEBLE.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most  
gracious favor, and further us with thy continual  
help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended  
in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by  
thy mercy, obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY II.

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**L**IGHT is sown for the righteous, and gladness  
for the upright in heart. PSALM xcvi. 11.

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LET thy good Spirit by the word  
Work mightily in us, O Lord :  
Our souls and bodies filling !  
Oh let the Sun of grace shine bright,  
That there may be abundant light  
In us, and in our dwelling :  
On our way, night and day,  
Cheerful, happy, and confiding,  
Patiently in thee abiding.

LYRA DOMESTICA.

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**S**HINE into our hearts, O loving Master, by the pure  
light of the knowledge of thyself, that we may  
ever be devoted unto thee, for thine own Name's sake.  
*Amen.*

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## JANUARY 12.

THE Lord is my strength and my shield ; my heart  
trusted in him ; and I am helped : therefore my  
heart greatly rejoiceth ; and with my song will I  
praise him. PSALM xxviii. 7.

THE heart that trusts, forever sings,  
And feels as light as it had wings :  
A well of peace within it springs :  
Come good or ill,  
Whate'er to-day, to-morrow brings,  
It is his will.

ISAAC WILLIAMS.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to keep us in perpetual  
peace, as thou hast vouchsafed us confidence in  
thee : that thus we may so pass through things tempo-  
ral, that we may at last drink in the sweetness of life eter-  
nal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 13.

WHOSOEVER will, let him take the water of  
life freely. REV. xxii. 17.

I COME, O Christ, thy gentle call obeying,  
And lay my sins and sorrows at thy feet :  
On everlasting strength my weakness staying,  
Clothed in thy robe of righteousness complete,  
Then rising, and refreshed, I leave thy throne,  
And follow on to know as I am known.

THOU who art the fountain of life, the help of  
those who flee to thee, the hope of those who cry  
unto thee : cleanse our bodies and souls, that with per-  
fect love and calm hope we may venture fearlessly to  
pray unto thee, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 14.

INASMUCH as ye have done it unto one of the  
least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto  
me. MATT. xxv. 40.

So, as we walk our earthly round,  
Still may the echo of that sound  
Be in our memory stored :  
“ Christians, behold your happy state,  
Christ is in these, who 'round you wait :  
Make much of your dear Lord ! ”

KEBLE.

O MERCIFUL JESUS, give us grace to serve thee  
in the persons of our fellow creatures, that thus we  
may so minister to them in thy Name, in all their neces-  
sities of body or soul, that thou shalt be glorified there-  
by, for thy blessed sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 15.

IN all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall  
direct thy paths. PROV. iii. 6.

I KNOW not the way I'm going,  
But well do I know my Guide.  
With a child-like trust I give my hand  
To the mighty friend by my side.  
The only thing that I say to him  
As he takes it, is, "Hold it fast :  
Suffer me not to lose my way,  
And bring me home at last."

OUR Father in heaven, grant that all our doings, being  
ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy  
sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 16.

FOR this God is our God for ever and ever : he  
will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM xlviii. 14.

My God, accept my heart this day,  
And make it always thine ;  
That I from thee no more may stray,  
No more from thee decline.

Let every thought, and work, and word,  
To thee be ever given :  
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,  
And death the gate of heaven.

MATTHEW BRIDGES.

O LORD Jesus Christ, mercifully incline thy ears  
unto our prayers, and of thy loving-kindness en-  
lighten the depths of our hearts, that no evil desires  
may rule where the light of thy heavenly grace hath  
shined, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 17.

OUR Father which art in heaven.

MATT. vi. 9.

FATHER ! the sweetest, dearest name  
That men or angels know !  
Fountain of life, that had no fount,  
From which itself could flow !

All fathers learn their craft from thee ;  
All loves are shadows cast  
From the beautiful eternal hills  
Of thine unbeginning past.

FABER.

WE praise thee, O God ; we acknowledge thee to be  
the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
Day by day we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

*Amen.*

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JANUARY 18.

IT is toward evening, and the day is far spent.  
LUKE xxiv. 29.

SWIFT to its close ebbs out life's little day,  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away ;  
Change and decay in all around I see :  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour ;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power,  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be ?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.  
LYTE.

GRANT, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more may we be strengthened with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man, that thus, having thee ever abiding in us, we may at last be received into thine everlasting kingdom, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 19.

BLESSED be God, even the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the  
God of all comfort: who comforteth us in all our  
tribulation. 2 COR. i. 3, 4.

THOU God of love ! beneath thy sheltering wings,  
We leave our holy dead  
To rest in hope ! from this world's sufferings  
Their souls have fled !

Oh ! when our souls are burdened with the weight  
Of life and all its woes,  
Let us remember them, and calmly wait  
For our life's close !

WE also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants  
departed this life, in thy faith and fear : beseeching  
thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples,  
that with them we may be made partakers of thy heav-  
enly kingdom. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 20.

FOR to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.  
PHIL. i. 21.

LORD, it belongs not to my care,  
Whether I die or live :  
To love and serve thee is my share,  
And this thy grace must give.  
If life be long, I will be glad,  
That I may long obey :  
If short, yet why should I be sad  
To soar to endless day.

R. BAXTER.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to keep us in perpetual  
peace, as thou hast vouchsafed us confidence in  
thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 21.

CASTING all your care upon him ; for he careth  
for you. I PETER v. 7.

ENOUGH that blessings undeserved  
Have marked my erring track : —  
That wheresoe'er my feet have swerved,  
His chastening turned me back.

That more and more a Providence  
Of love is understood,  
Making the springs of time and sense  
Sweet with eternal good.

WHITTIER.

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech thee, always to seek  
thy kingdom and righteousness, and of whatsoever  
thou seest us to stand in need, mercifully grant us an  
abundant portion, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JANUARY 22.

AS one whom his mother comforteth, so will I  
comfort you. ISAIAH lxvi. 13.

WE have no tears thou wilt not dry :  
We have no wounds thou wilt not heal :  
No sorrows pierce our human hearts,  
That thou, dear Saviour ! dost not feel.

Thy pity like the dew distils ;  
And thy compassion, like the light,  
Our every morning overfills,  
And crowns with stars our every night.  
HARRIET MCEWEN KIMBALL.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, give strength to the weary,  
aid to the sufferers, comfort to the sad, help to  
those in tribulation, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 23.

BEING knit together in love, and unto all riches  
of the full assurance of understanding.  
COL. ii. 2.

SWEET is the smile of home, the mutual look  
When hearts are of each other sure :  
Sweet all the joys that crowd the household nook,  
The haunt of all affections pure.

KEBLE.

O THOU giver of all good, who by the grace of the  
Holy Ghost hast poured the gifts of love into the  
hearts of thy faithful people, grant unto us thy ser-  
vants, that we may love thee with all our strength, and  
with perfect affection fulfil thy pleasure, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 24.

THOU therefore endure hardness, as a good  
soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 TIM. ii. 3.

STRONG in the Lord of Hosts,  
And in his mighty power ;  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,  
Is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in his great might,  
With all his strength endued ;  
And take to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God.

CHARLES WESLEY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast  
away the works of darkness, and put upon us the  
armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in  
which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great hu-  
mility ; that in the last day, when he shall come again in  
his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth  
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and  
ever. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 25.

LORD, what wilt thou have me to do?

ACTS ix. 6.

OH may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

O blest communion, fellowship divine !  
We feebly struggle : they in glory shine !  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Allelulia.

REV. W. W. HOW.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who dost enkindle the flame of  
thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant to us the  
same faith and power of love : that as we rejoice in their  
triumphs, we may profit by their examples, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 26.

MARK the perfect man, and behold the upright :  
for the end of that man is peace.  
PSALM xxxvii. 37.

THERE are in this loud stunning tide  
Of human care and crime,  
With whom the melodies abide  
Of the everlasting chime :  
Who carry music in their heart,  
Through dusky lane and wrangling mart,  
Plying their daily task with busier feet,  
Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat.  
KEBLE.

GIVE thy servants grace, O Lord, that they be not  
slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving  
thee, in this world, that so at last they may enter into  
thine unspeakable rest, through the merits of thy Son,  
Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 27.

IF any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

MATT. xvi. 24.

WE need not bid for cloistered cell  
Our neighbor and our work farewell :  
Nor strive to wind ourselves too high  
For sinful man beneath the sky.

The trivial round, the common task,  
Will furnish all we ought to ask :  
Room to deny ourselves : a road  
To bring us, daily, nearer God.

KEBLE.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that our earnest devotion  
may become fruitful through thy grace, for then  
shall our self-denial be profitable to us, if it is well-  
pleasing unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JANUARY 28.

BE kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love. ROM. xii. 10.

O THOU, the spirit of all love,  
The friend of kindly life,  
Thou wouldst not that our hearts should move  
With pangs of wrath and strife.  
Thou hatest hatred's withering reign ;  
In souls that discord maketh dark  
Dost thou rekindle love's bright spark,  
And make them one again.

PAUL GERHARDT.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth ; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 29.

AND he calleth his own sheep by name, and  
leadeth them out. JOHN x. 3.

I LOVE my shepherd's voice,  
His watchful eyes shall keep  
My wandering soul among  
The thousands of his sheep :  
He feeds his flock ; he calls their names ;  
His bosom bears the tender lambs.

ISAAC WATTS.

O THOU who art the good shepherd, who hast laid  
down thy life for the sheep, be thou my shepherd,  
and I shall lack nothing in the green pastures wherein thou  
feedest me, until I am brought to the pastures of eter-  
nal life, to find there my name written in the Lamb's  
book of life ; for thine own blessed sake. *Amen.*

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## JANUARY 30.

IN all their afflictions he was afflicted : and the angel of his presence saved them : in his love and in his pity he redeemed them.

ISAIAH lxiii. 9.

O LOVE divine that stooped to share  
Our sharpest pang, our bitterest tear,  
On thee we cast each earth-born care, —  
We smile at pain while thou art near !  
On thee we fling our burdening woe,  
O love divine, forever dear :  
Content to suffer, while we know,  
Living and dying, thou art near !

DR. O. W. HOLMES.

O THOU who art the comfort of the sad, and the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto thee, that all may rejoice to find thee present in their afflictions, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JANUARY 31.

RETURN unto thy rest, O my soul.

PSALM cxvi. 7.

LET me be with thee where thou art,  
My Saviour, my eternal rest !  
Then only will this longing heart  
Be fully and forever blest !

Let me be with thee where thou art,  
Thy unveiled glory to behold :  
Then only will this wandering heart  
Cease to be treacherous, faithless, cold !

CHARLOTTE ELLIOT.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee  
such good things as pass man's understanding :  
pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, lov-  
ing thee above all things, may obtain thy promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY I.

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THE Master is come, and calleth for thee.  
JOHN xi. 28.

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MASTER ! say on : thy words are sweet ;  
I hush my heart to hear ;  
I wait in silence for thy voice  
That is so true and clear :  
It quiets all unrestful thought,  
It stills the throbbing brain,  
It soothes like hymn from mother-lips  
The weary ache of pain.

H. BOWMAN.

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SPEAK to our hearts, O Christ, as thou didst to thy followers of old. O loving and crucified Christ, redeem us from our sins, that we may follow thee all our lives long, for thy blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 2.

BLESSED are the pure in heart : for they shall  
see God. MATT. v. 8.

BLESSED are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God :  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth himself impart,  
And for his cradle and his throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

KEBLE.

MAKE us, O Lord, to flourish like pure lilies in the  
courts of thine house, and to show forth to the faith-  
ful the fragrance of good works, and the example of a  
godly life, through thy mercy, O Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 3.

HE that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things ? ROM. viii. 32.

OH, shame beyond the bitterest thought  
That evil spirit ever framed,  
That sinners know what Jesus wrought,  
Yet feel their haughty hearts untamed :  
That souls in refuge, holding by the cross,  
Should wince and fret at this world's little loss.  
KEBLE.

MAY the hope which thou hast given us, O Lord, be our consolation in our low estate, as it will fill us with glory in the day of our rejoicing, through the merits of thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 4.

FOR ye have need of patience, that after ye have  
done the will of God, ye might receive the  
promise. HEB. x. 36.

THE highest hopes we cherish here,  
How fast they tire and faint !  
How many a spot defiles the robe  
That wraps an earthly saint !  
Oh, for a heart that never sins !  
Oh, for a soul washed white !  
Oh, for a voice to praise our king,  
Nor weary, day or night !  
CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy  
faithful people ; that they, plenteously bringing forth  
the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously re-  
warded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 5.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times : his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PSALM xxxiv. 1.

THROUGH the love of God, our Saviour,  
All will be well :  
Free and changeless is his favor, —  
All, all is well !  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, —  
All must be well !

MARY BOWLY.

O LORD, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 6.

THESE are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

REV. vii. 14.

THE Son of God goes forth to war,  
A kingly crown to gain ;  
His blood-red banner streams afar :  
Who follows in his train ?  
Who best can drink his cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below,  
He follows in his train.

HEBER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord ; and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity ; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 7.

WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his  
benefits toward me ? PSALM cxvi. 12.

My Master and my Lord !

I long to do some work, some work for thee :  
I long to bring some lowly gift of love  
For all thy love to me !

The harvest-fields are white.

Send me to gather there some scattered ears :  
I have no sickle bright, but I can glean  
And bind them in with tears.

HETTY BOWMAN.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it  
cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true  
and laudable service ; grant, we beseech thee, that we  
may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not  
finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the mer-  
its of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 8.

WHEREFORE he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

HEB. vii. 25.

IN the hour of trial,  
Jesus, plead for me :  
Lest by base denial  
I depart from thee :  
When thou seest me waver,  
With a look recall :  
Not for fear or favor  
Suffer me to fall.

J. MONTGOMERY.

BOTH now and ever, vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.  
*Graciously hear us, O Christ ; graciously hear us,  
O Lord Christ.*

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FEBRUARY 9.

A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. PROV. xxii. 1.

So still the guileless man is blest,  
To him all crooked paths are straight :  
Him, on his way to endless rest  
Fresh, ever-growing strengths await.

Oh, happy hours of heavenward thought,  
How richly crowned ! how well improved !  
In musing o'er the law he taught,  
In waiting for the law he loved.

KEBLE.

DEFEND, O Lord, thy faithful servants with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more until they come unto thine everlasting kingdom. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 10.

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WHEN I am weak, then I am strong.  
2 COR. xii. 10.

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I HAVE no strength, dear Lord !  
Oh, let me lie where I can kiss thy feet  
And look up from the dust into thine eyes,  
That are so true and sweet !

And come, oh come, to me,  
And raise me to thine arms, and teach me there\*  
The strange, deep secrets of thy love, and bend  
To listen this my prayer.

HETTY BOWMAN.

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LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst stretch out thine  
hands upon the cross, and redeem us by thy blood,  
forgive our sins. Pardon we ask, pardon we hope for,  
pardon we trust to have. Thou who art pitiful and merciful,  
spare and forgive us. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY II.

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AND Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life : he that cometh to me shall never hunger ; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

JOHN vi. 35.

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DAILY, O Lord, our prayers be said,  
As thou hast taught, for daily bread :  
But not alone our bodies feed :  
Supply our fainting spirits' need !  
O Bread of Life ! from day to day,  
Be thou *their* comfort, food, and stay !

JOSEPH ANSTICE.

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O GOD, the Bread of Life, look upon us ; be thou the guardian of our bodies ; be thou the Saviour of our souls ; we ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 12.

STAND fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith  
Christ hath made us free. GAL. v. 1.

I BLESS thy wise and wondrous love,  
Which binds us to be free ;  
Which makes us leave our earthly snares,  
That we may come to thee !  
I come, I wait, I hear, I pray !  
Thy footsteps, Lord, I trace !  
I sing, to think this is the way  
Unto my Saviour's face. JOHN MASON.

GRANT us, Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to  
love things heavenly, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 13.

EVE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

I COR. ii. 9.

THEY whom we loved and lost so long ago,  
Dwell in those cities, far from mortal woe,  
Haunt those fresh woodlands, whence  
Sweet carollings soar,  
Eternal peace have they ;  
God wipes their tears away :  
They drink that river of life which flows for  
Evermore.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

MAKE us, O loving Lord, partakers of thy paradise-joy, and grant us there to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 14.

FOR the Lord God is a sun and shield : the Lord  
will give grace and glory ; no good thing will  
he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

PSALM lxxxiv. 11.

IF thou art my shield and my sun,  
The night is no darkness to me,  
And, fast as my minutes roll on,  
They bring me but nearer to thee.

Thy smiles and thy comforts abound,  
Thy grace, as the dew, doth descend ;  
And walls of salvation surround  
The soul he delights to defend.

TOPLADY.

BE present, O Lord, to our prayers, and protect us by  
day and night : that in all successive changes of  
times we may ever be strengthened by thine unchange-  
ableness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 15.

LET us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. HEB. iv. 16.

THE trials that those men do meet withal,  
That are obedient to the heavenly call,  
Are manifold, and suited to the flesh,  
And come, and come, and come again afresh :  
That now, or some time else, we by them may  
Be taken, overcome, and cast away,  
Oh let the pilgrims, let the pilgrims then,  
Be vigilant, and quit themselves like men.

BUNYAN.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright ; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 16

I SHALL be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. PSALM xvii. 15.

WHY should I murmur? for the sorrow  
Thus only longer-lived would be :  
Its end may come, and will, to-morrow,  
When God has done his work in me ;  
So I say, trusting, — “as God will !”  
And, trusting to the end, hold still.

JULIUS STURM.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that ail mankind should follow the example of his great humility ; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 17.

WHO is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

ISAIAH l. 10.

BUT flowers need night's cool darkness,  
The moonlight and the dew ;  
So Christ, from one who loved it,  
His shining oft withdrew ;  
And then, for cause of absence,  
My troubled soul I scanned —  
But glory, shadeless, shineth  
In Immanuel's land.

O MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, remove every cloud that now darkens my soul, and shine upon me, O thou Sun of Righteousness, with healing in thy wings. Take away all that hinders me from enjoying peace, and restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, for thine own blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 18.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. PSALM xci. 1.

It is a thought which ever makes  
Life's sweetest smiles from tears ;  
It is a day-break to our hopes,  
A sunset to our fears.

One while it bids the tears to flow,  
Then wipes them from the eyes ;  
Most often fills our soul with joy,  
And always sanctifies.

FABER.

ALMIGHTY LORD, who art a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in thee, be now and evermore our defence, we beseech thee, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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FEBRUARY 19.

WHEN my spirit was overwhelmed within me,  
then thou knewest my path.

PSALM cxlii. 3.

It was no path of flowers  
Through this dark world of ours,  
Beloved of the Father, thou didst tread :  
And shall we in dismay  
Shrink from the narrow way,  
When clouds and darkness are around it spread ?  
S. E. MILES.

HEAR, O Lord, our prayers, and enter not into judgment with thy servants : for we acknowledge thee the fountain of pity, whereby we trust to be delivered from our distresses, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 20.

NOW thanks be unto God, which always causeth  
us to triumph in Christ. 2 COR. ii. 14.

MAY thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire !  
As thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to thee,  
Pure, warm and changeless be, —  
A living fire !

RAY PALMER.

MAY thy perpetual gifts, O Lord, be confirmed to  
thy faithful servants, that, in receiving them, they  
may seek thee, and in seeking thee may endlessly re-  
ceive them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 21.

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FOR with thee is the fountain of life : in thy  
light shall we see light. PSALM xxxvi. 9.

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O HOLY SPIRIT, fount of breath,  
Whose comforts never fail nor fade,  
Vouchsafe the life that knows no death,  
Vouchsafe the light that knows no shade :  
And grant that we through all our days,  
May share thy gifts, and sing thy praise.

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BE thou, O God, our protection, and watch over our  
paths with guiding love : that among the snares  
which lie hidden in our paths, we may so pass onward  
with hearts fixed on thee, that we may come to be for-  
ever with thee : we ask it for Jesus Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 22.

**B**UT rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of  
Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall  
be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding  
joy.

I PETER iv. 13.

O THOU who art our life,  
Be with us through the strife !  
Thy own meek head by wildest storms was bowed !  
Raise then our eyes above :  
To see a Father's love  
Beam like a bow of promise, through the cloud.

S. E. MILES.

**O** JESUS, my adorable Saviour, behold me prostrate  
at thy feet, imploring thy mercy. Grant that while  
I follow thee along the way of sorrows, my heart may be  
so touched with true contrition, that I may be willing to  
accept cheerfully for thy sake, all the sufferings of this  
thy pilgrimage on earth. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 23.

TAKE my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart. MATT. xi. 29.

MEEK Jesus, to my soul thy spirit lending,  
Teach me to live, like thee, in lowly love ;  
With humblest service all thy saints befriending,  
Until I serve before thy throne above.  
GEORGE W. BETHUNE.

BLESSED SAVIOUR, give us grace to follow thee in all meekness and humility, remembering that thou dost ever bid us to love our neighbor as ourselves ; thus may we be made like unto thee, who ever livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 24.

AND we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. ROM. viii. 28.

I LOVE to think that God appoints  
My portion day by day ;  
Events of life are in his hand,  
And I would only say,  
Appoint them in thine own good time,  
And in thine own best way.

A. L. WARING.

O LORD GOD, I give unto thee my body, soul, and spirit to be thine forever, in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, in fulness and in want, in life and in death. Use me for thyself and for the glory of thy blessed Name. I am not mine own, but thine, therefore claim me as thy right, keep me as thy charge, love me as thy child, for my Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

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FEBRUARY 25.

FOR he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor  
forsake thee. HEB. xiii. 5.

OH, what a well of comfort springs  
From faith, to look on earthly things  
With calm, untroubled eye !  
How rich the heart when it can go  
In every change and chance below,  
And say, Thou, Lord, art nigh !

O INFINITE GOODNESS ! I thank thee from my  
inmost heart for all thy blessings which thou hast so  
bountifully bestowed upon me, who am so unworthy :  
give me such trust in thee, that I may ever feel thee at  
hand to guide and to strengthen me, for my Saviour's  
sake. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 26.

MY meditation of him shall be sweet : I will be  
glad in the Lord. PSALM civ. 34.

ONLY to sit and think of God,  
Oh, what a joy it is !  
To think the thought, to breathe the name,  
Earth has no higher bliss !

There 's not a craving in the mind  
He does not meet and still ;  
There 's not a wish the heart can have  
Which he does not fulfil.

FABER.

O THOU who art the true light of faithful souls, and  
perfect brightness of the blessed, grant that our  
hearts may both render unto thee thanksgiving and always  
glorify thee with the offering of praises, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 27.

LEAD me in thy truth, and teach me : for thou  
art the God of my salvation : on thee do I wait  
all the day. PSALM xxv. 5.

I WOULD not have the restless will  
That hurries to and fro,  
Seeking for some great thing to do,  
Or secret thing to know :  
I would be dealt with as a child,  
And guided where to go.

A. L. WARING.

BE thou, Lord, ever with me, within and without : to  
strengthen and guard, to guide and stablish me :  
thus shall I be thy loving child, and thou my Divine Mas-  
ter, and my life shall be service on earth, and joy in par-  
adise. I ask it for my Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 28.

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand ; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

ROM. xiii. 12.

THINK not of rest : though dreams be sweet :  
Start up and ply your heavenward feet.  
Is not God's oath upon your head,  
Ne'er to sink back on slothful bed ?  
Never again your loins untie,  
Nor let your torches waste and die,  
Till, when the shadows thickest fall,  
Ye hear your Master's midnight call !

KEBLE.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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## FEBRUARY 29.

LET not your heart be troubled ; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. JOHN xiv. 1, 2.

CHRIST leads me through no darker rooms  
Than he went through before ;  
He that unto God's kingdom comes  
Must enter by this door.

My knowledge of that life is small ;  
The eye of faith is dim ;  
But it's enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with him !

RICHARD BAXTER.

O GOD, the King of Glory, we beseech thee to leave us not comfortless ; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us to the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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## MARCH I.

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FEAR not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name ; thou art mine.

ISAIAH xliii. 1.

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FORSAKE me not, my God !  
Uphold me in my going ;  
That evermore I may  
Please thee in all well-doing :  
And that thy will, O Lord,  
May never be forgot,  
In all my works and ways,  
My God, forsake me not !

FROM THE GERMAN.

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O GOD, pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am, and order what I shall be : that thine may be the glory and mine the salvation, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 2.

WHATSOEVER ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. COL. iii. 23.

STRIVE, when thou art called of God,  
When he draws thee by his grace,  
Strive to cast away the load  
That would clog thee in the race !

Art thou faithful ? Stand apart  
From all worldly hope and pleasure ;  
Yonder fix your hopes and heart,  
On the heaven where lies our treasure.

WINKLER, 1703.

ALMIGHTY LORD, grant to those thy servants,  
who have put on Christ, that they be defended  
against all adversities, and may ever prove themselves  
good soldiers of Jesus Christ, through his merits, who  
with thee and the Holy Ghost, we worship as one God,  
world without end. *Amen.*

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MARCH 3.

WHY art thou cast down, O my soul? and why  
art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God:  
for I shall yet praise him for the help of his coun-  
tenance.

PSALM xlii. 5.

FEVER, and fret, and aimless stir,  
And disappointed strife,  
All chafing, unsuccessful things  
Make up the sum of life.  
Sweet thought of God! now do thy work,  
As thou hast done before:  
Wake up, and tears will wake with thee,  
And the dull mood be o'er.

FABER.

GRANT me, O Lord, beyond all objects of desire, to  
rest in thee, and to still my heart to perfect peace  
in thee. Out of thee all is restless and unquiet: in this  
peace, that is in thyself alone, may I find true rest, for  
the merciful Jesu's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 4.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence, for out of it  
are the issues of life. PROV. iv. 23.

O THOU who hast at thy command  
The hearts of all men in thy hand !  
These wayward, erring hearts incline  
To have no other will but thine.  
Our wishes, our desires control :  
Mould every purpose of the soul :  
O'er all may we victorious be,  
That stands between ourselves and thee !

COTTERILL.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to  
please thee ; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 5.

MY times are in thy hand.

PSALM xxxi. 15.

FATHER of love, our guide and friend,  
Oh lead us gently on,  
Until life's trial-time shall end,  
And heavenly peace be won!  
We know not what the path may be  
As yet by us untrod;  
But we can trust our all to thee,  
Our Father and our God!

WILLIAM HENRY IRONS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern  
all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the  
supplications of thy servants, and grant us thy peace all  
the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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## MARCH 6.

THE blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and he  
addeth no sorrow with it.      PROV. x. 22.

ALL my life I still have found,  
And I will forget it never,  
Every sorrow hath its bound,  
And no cross endures forever.  
After all the winter snows,  
Comes sweet summer back again ;  
Patient souls ne'er wait in vain :  
Joy is given for all our woes :  
All things else have but their day,  
God's love only lasts for aye !

O LIFE-GIVING Master, and bestower of good  
things, may we be evermore guarded by thy power,  
and guided into the light of truth, and thus render unto  
thee a constant thanksgiving, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 7.

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HE was wounded for our transgressions, he was  
bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of  
our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are  
healed. ISAIAH liii. 5.

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THOU art a gentle and most loving Lamb,  
Wounded to give us balm ;  
And still wherever sin doth reign  
Thou day by day art slain.  
When will man cease to give thee pain ?  
A. E. HAMILTON.

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O LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the  
world : grant us thy peace ! O Lamb of God who  
takest away the sins of the world : have mercy upon us.  
*Amen.*

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MARCH 8.

WHOM have I in heaven but thee? and there is  
none upon earth that I desire besides thee.  
PSALM lxxiii. 25.

No pride of self thy service hath,  
No place for me and mine ;  
Our human strength is weakness ; death  
Our life, apart from thine.

Apart from thee all gain is loss,  
All labor vainly done ;  
The solemn shadow of thy cross  
Is better than the sun.

WHITTIER.

O MOST sweet Jesus Christ, we, unworthy sinners,  
yet redeemed by thy precious blood, call to memory  
all the good works thou wroughtest on earth for our sal-  
vation, and beseech thee to make us truly grateful unto  
thee, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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## MARCH 9.

FOR God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together. I THESS. v. 9, 10, 11.

DEATH comes to set thee free :  
Oh, meet him cheerily  
As thy true friend :  
And all thy fears shall cease,  
And in eternal peace  
Thy penance end.

FOUQUE.

BE thou, O Jesus, our mediator and advocate with the Father. Deal mercifully with us in the last hour of our lives : be gracious unto us sinners, for into thy hands, O Lord, we would commend our spirits. *Amen.*

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## MARCH 10.

IF we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I JOHN i. 9.

FATHER ! with contrite grief  
And bitterness of heart we must confess  
How much our good is mingled,  
Its best and greatest, with sin's littleness,  
Our eye how little singled —  
Sunlight and shadow on the self-same leaf.  
A. E. H.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults : restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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## MARCH II.

THEREFORE are they before the throne of  
God, and serve him day and night in his temple ; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell  
among them. REV. vii. 15.

JERUSALEM ! Jerusalem !  
It is not to behold  
The glory of thy jasper walls,  
Thy streets of purest gold !  
But oh, than all thy streets can boast,  
My eager eyes would see,  
Jesus, the precious Lamb of God,  
Who died to ransom me !

GEORGE H. HOUGHTON.

COME, blessed Spirit, and reveal to my soul the exceeding great power and beauty of heavenly things. Teach me to love them above the passing things of earth, and show me how I may attain to them forever, for the blessed Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 12.

HE giveth power to the faint : and to them that  
have no might he increaseth strength.  
ISAIAH xl. 29.

LET but my fainting heart be blest  
With thy sweet spirit for its guest,  
My God, to thee I leave the rest !  
Thy will be done !

Renew my will from day to day,  
Blend it with thine ; and take away  
All that now makes it hard to say  
Thy will be done.

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT.

GUIDE us in thy way, O Christ, and mercifully show  
the fountain of wisdom to our thirsting minds ; that  
we may be free from sorrowful heaviness, and may drink  
in the sweetness of life eternal, through thine own merits  
and intercession. *Amen.*

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## MARCH 13.

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WHEN thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.      ISAIAH xliii. 2.

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EVERY phase of human sorrow fills the path we tread  
to-day,  
Harps are hanging on the willows, souls are fainting by  
the way;  
But there still is balm in Gilead, and though here on  
earth we weep,  
God within the many mansions, giveth his beloved sleep.

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O GOD, our refuge in pains, our strength in weakness, our help in tribulations, our solace in tears; spare thy people who trust in thee, and deliver them out of tribulation, for our Redeemer's sake.    *Amen.*

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MARCH 14.

HOW excellent is thy loving kindness, O God,  
therefore the children of men put their trust  
under the shadow of thy wings.

PSALM xxxvi. 7.

My God, the spring of all my joys,  
The life of my delights,  
The glory of my brightest days,  
And comfort of my nights.

In darkest shades if he appear,  
My dawning is begun :  
He is my soul's sweet morning-star,  
And he my rising sun.

ISAAC WATTS, 1709.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy loving-kindness to  
pour thy holy light into our souls : that we may  
ever be devoted to thee, by whose wisdom we were cre-  
ated and by whose providence we are governed. We  
ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 15.

COME unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

MATT. xi. 28.

O most merciful,  
O most bountiful,  
God the Father almighty !  
By the Redeemer's  
Sweet intercession,  
Hear us, help us, when we cry !

HEBER.

O CHRIST, Son of God, whom God the Father gave up for all, when he received thee as a true sacrifice for us : receive the desires of thy people : save those whom thou hast redeemed, give life to those whom thou hast delivered, and at last, everlasting joy in the life to come, for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 16.

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly ; and  
I pray God your whole spirit and soul and  
body be preserved blameless unto the coming of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. I THESS. v. 23.

SOFT as the fall of sea-bird on the billow's crest,  
The Holy Ghost doth lighten on a sinner's breast,  
Calming its passions into rest.  
Spread thou within my heart, O Holy Dove,  
The pure white pinions of thy love.  
Nor may one wave of sin  
Mar thy repose therein.

A. E. HAMILTON.

O GOD the Father, good beyond all that is good, fair  
beyond all that is fair, in whom is peace, keep us  
both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls,  
through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of thine only  
begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 17.

YEA, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my  
refuge, until these calamities be overpast.  
PSALM lvii. 1.

I DO not ask that God shall always make  
My pathway light :  
I only pray that he will hold my hand  
Throughout the night :  
I do not hope to have the thorns removed  
That pierce my feet :  
I only ask to find his blessed arms  
My safe retreat.

O GOD, who scourgest our faults with strokes of love,  
in order to cleanse us from our iniquities : grant us  
both to profit by thy chastening, and speedily to rejoice  
in thy consolation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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MARCH 18.

A NAME which is above every name.  
PHIL. ii. 9.

AUTHOR and Guardian of my life,  
Sweet source of light divine,  
And all harmonious names in one,  
My Saviour ! thou art mine !  
What thanks I owe thee, and what love,  
A boundless, endless store,  
Shall echo through the realms above  
When time shall be no more !

WM. COWPER, 1779.

O GOD, who hast made the most glorious Name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ thine only begotten Son, to be  
supremely lovable to thy faithful servants, mercifully  
grant that all who venerate this name of Jesus on earth,  
may receive comfort in this life, and in the life to come  
never ending joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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MARCH 19.

SEEK the Lord, and his strength : seek his face  
evermore. PSALM cv. 4.

OH, make us apt to seek, and quick to find,  
Thou God most kind !  
Give us love, hope, and faith in thee to trust,  
Thou God most just !  
Remit all our offences we entreat,  
Most good, most great !  
Grant that our willing, though unworthy quest,  
May, through thy grace, admit us 'mongst the blest.

THOMAS HEYWOOD.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 20.

THE Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. DEUT. xv. 10.

FORTH in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue ;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
In all I think, or speak, or do.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray ;  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to thy glorious day.

CHARLES WESLEY.

O LORD JESUS, in union with thy most perfect actions, I commend to thee my works of this day, to be directed according to thy will. *Amen.*

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MARCH 21.

EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from  
above, and cometh down from the Father of  
lights. JAMES i. 17.

EACH tender gift  
Our God doth give  
Our hearts should lift  
Nearer,  
To thee in whom we "move and live,"  
Making our Father dearer. A. E. H.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon thy servants the healthful spirit of thy grace, and pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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MARCH 22.

FEAR none of those things which thou shalt  
suffer. REV. ii. 10.

I NE'ER took up the cross  
But Christ my Saviour bore  
The heaviest end, and all the weight  
While leading on before.

O JESUS ! I thank thee that thou hast permitted me  
to suffer with thee ; may it be my privilege to bear  
my cross, and may I glory in nothing else : by it may the  
world be crucified unto me, and I unto the world ; may I  
never shrink from suffering, but rather rejoice if I be  
counted worthy to suffer for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 23.

BLESSED are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. MATT. v. 7.

O STREAM of love !  
If thou shouldst come upon a rock of hate,  
Rippling around it softly move  
And wait  
Till, by the rains of grace from heaven fed  
Thou shalt thy waves of mercy o'er it spread.  
A. E. H.

O MOST loving Jesus, pattern of charity, grant that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us : and fill our hearts with such kindness, that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, and putting away all envious thoughts, we may follow thee, who art thyself the true and perfect love. *Amen.*

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MARCH 24.

EXCEPT ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. MATT. xviii. 3.

LAMB of God, I look to thee :  
Thou shalt my example be :  
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild :  
Thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as thou art :  
Give me thy obedient heart !  
Thou art pitiful and kind :  
Let me have thy loving mind !

CHARLES WESLEY.

THAT it may please thee to give all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
*Amen.*

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MARCH 25.

BEHOLD the handmaid of the Lord ; be it unto  
me according to thy word. LUKE i. 38.

YEA, my spirit fain would sink  
In thy heart and hands, my God,  
Waiting till thou show the end  
Of the ways that thou hast trod :  
Stripped of self, how calm my rest  
On my loving Father's breast ! WINKLER.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our  
hearts ; that as we have known the incarnation of  
thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by  
his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory  
of his resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 26.

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath  
are the everlasting arms. DEUT. xxxiii. 27.

WHEN I am feeble as a child,  
And flesh and heart give way,  
Then on thy everlasting strength,  
With passive trust I stay,  
And the rough wind becomes a song  
The darkness shines like day.

A. L. WARING.

LORD, strengthen me to bear my cross patiently, hum-  
bly, lovingly: if I sink under it, look on me, and  
raise me up. Give what thou commandest, and com-  
mand what thou willest, only make me wholly patient,  
for love of thee, O Jesus! *Amen.*

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MARCH 27.

WITHOUT me ye can do nothing.

JOHN xv. 5.

THE prayers I make will then be sweet indeed  
If thou the spirit give by which I pray :  
My unassisted heart is barren clay,  
That of itself can nothing feed :  
Of good and pious works thou art the seed,  
That quickens only where thou sayest it may :  
Unless thou show to us thy own true way,  
No man can find it : Father, thou must lead.

WM. WORDSWORTH.

O LORD, we beseech thee let thy continual pity  
cleanse and defend thy church ; and, because it cannot  
continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it  
evermore by thy help and goodness ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 28.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation  
of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

PSALM xix. 14.

As from the bowed-down branches of the trees  
Snow in the sunshine melteth by degrees,  
Leaving them free to rise  
Once more towards the skies,  
So in the brightness of thy glance divine  
May sin melt swiftly from this soul of mine.

A. E. H.

GIVE strength, O Lord, to those who seek thee, and  
continually pour into their souls the holy desire of  
seeking thee, that they who long to see thy face may  
not crave the world's pernicious pleasure : through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MARCH 29.

DEAL courageously, and the Lord shall be with  
the good. 2 CHRON. xix. 11.

IF thou love him,  
Walking truly in his ways,  
Then no trouble, cross, or death,  
Shakes thy heart or quells thy praise :  
All things serve thee here beneath,  
If thou love God.

AUSTEN ULRICH, 1667.

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee  
with all our heart : seeing that thou dost not for-  
sake those who make their boast of thy mercy : through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## MARCH 30.

FOR even hereunto were ye called : because  
Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an exam-  
ple, that ye should follow his steps.

I PETER ii. 21.

THIS world is drear  
Until we realize  
That thou were here,  
And one of us.  
Lord Jesus, thus  
Thy presence sanctifies,  
With all its sorrow and its strife,  
Our human life.

A. H.

O JESUS, who didst will to assume our lowly flesh,  
that thou mightest leave to us an example of humil-  
ity, and make us steadfast in all manner of sufferings,  
make us to follow thee in all things, for thine own  
Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MARCH 31.

FOR what is your life ? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. JAMES iv. 14.

'T is not for man to trifle : life is brief,  
And sin is here.  
Our age is but the falling of a leaf —  
A dropping tear.  
We have no time to sport away the hours,  
All must be earnest in a world like ours.

BONAR.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL I.

NEVERTHELESS, not what I will, but what  
thou wilt. MARK xiv. 36.

WHEN we behold  
God walking through our household fold,  
And choosing there one of his own dear sheep,  
Whom we would keep,  
How can our eyes forbear to weep?

E. H.

THOU, O merciful Father, knowest our sufferings, our  
sorrows, our tears : look upon us and succor us,  
for of ourselves we could not bear thy chastisement.  
Make us to be conformed unto thy will, for the sake of  
Jesus our compassionate Saviour. *Amen.*

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## APRIL 2.

AS a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day  
that he is among his sheep that are scattered;  
so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them  
out of all places where they have been scattered in  
the cloudy and dark day.      EZEK. xxxiv. 12.

SOULS of men, why will ye scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will ye wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
Was there ever kindest shepherd  
Half so gentle, half so sweet,  
As the Saviour, who would have us  
Come and gather round his feet?

FABER.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be  
turned. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them,  
and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion, for  
the sake of thy Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 3.

IF thou canst believe, all things are possible to  
him that believeth. MARK ix. 23.

FAITH is a grasping of Almighty Power ;  
The hand of man laid on the arm of God ;  
The grand and blessed hour  
In which the things impossible to me,  
Become the possible, O Lord, through thee.

A. E. H.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the  
increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and, that we  
may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to  
love that which thou dost command ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 4.

HIM that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.  
JOHN vi. 37.

WEARY of earth, and laden with my sin,  
I look at heaven, and long to enter in ;  
But there, no evil thing may find a home,  
And yet I hear a voice that bids me "Come."

It is the voice of Jesus that I hear :  
His are the hands stretched out to draw me near,  
And his the blood that can for all atone,  
And set me faultless there before the throne.

SAMUEL J. STONE.

O LORD my God, do thou give me the spirit of true repentance, and assist me by thy grace to turn unto thee for succor and help in every time of need. Create in me a new heart, and renew a right spirit within me, — so shall I receive pardon at thy hands for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 5.

MY covenant was with him of life and peace.  
MAL. ii. 5.

FIRM against every doubt of thee  
For all my future way —  
To walk in Heaven's eternal light  
Throughout the changing day.  
Ah! such a day as thou shalt own  
When suns have ceased to shine !  
A day of burdens borne by thee,  
And work that all was thine.

A. L. WARING.

O THOU who hast so often commanded me to ask,  
and promised to give, surely thou wilt give me that  
which I shall ask, that I may hope in thee with my  
whole heart. Though the hosts of this world rise against  
me, O my Hope, my Life, yet I will trust thee, for my  
Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 6.

THE life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. GAL. ii. 20.

GIVE me, thou glorious Lamb of God,  
Daily to walk where thou hast trod ;  
And in adoring rapture grow,  
As in thy lowly steps I go.  
Give me to ponder more and more,  
Thy words, and thy example's lore,  
That walking here, my God, with thee,  
Still, as my days, my strength may be.

A. C. COXE.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life ; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 7.

I REJOICE at thy word, as one that findeth  
great spoil. PSALM cxix. 162.

THOU art all health : health thriving till it make  
A full eternity. Thou art a mass  
Of strange delights, where we may wish and take.

Stars are poor books : and oftentimes do miss :  
This book of stars lights to eternal bliss.  
GEORGE HERBERT.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures  
to be written for our learning : grant that we may  
in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly  
digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy  
Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed  
hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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APRIL 8.

AND the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads : they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

ISAIAH xxxv. 10.

Joy and gladness banish sighs,  
Perfect love dispels their fears ;  
And forever from their eyes,  
God shall wipe away their tears.

MONTGOMERY.

GRANT, O merciful Lord, that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience ; in the communion of the catholic church ; in the confidence of a certain faith ; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope ; in favor with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 9.

THE Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.  
PSALM cxxxviii. 8.

To thee, O Jesus, I direct my eyes,  
To thee my hands, to thee my humble knees.  
To thee my heart shall offer sacrifice.  
To thee my thoughts, who my thoughts only sees :  
To thee myself, myself and all I give :  
To thee I die, — to thee I only live.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us ; and  
grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty  
desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and  
comforted in all dangers and adversities ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 10.

FOR our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

The things which are seen are temporal : but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 COR. iv. 17, 18.

FOR us, whatever 's undergone,  
Thou know'st, willest what is done ;  
Grief may be joy misunderstood ;  
Only the good discerns the good.  
I trust thee, while my days go on.

E. B. BROWNING.

O LORD our God, who alone foreseest and bestowest things needful for our salvation, do thou bestow, we pray thee, on our souls, the hearty desire of imploring thy mercy, and graciously vouchsafe us what will be for our good ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL II.

THY shoes shall be iron and brass : and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

DEUT. xxxiii. 25.

GOD may not smooth the path alway,  
Or take the stones and thorns away :  
But " iron and brass my shoes shall be,"  
To tread right onward steadfastly :  
So shall I walk, and never faint,  
Upheld by cheerful love's constraint.

M. K. A. S.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that pressing onwards in thy way with devout minds, we may escape the snares of the sins that beset us, and walk cheerfully in the way of thy commandments, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 12.

FOR so he giveth his beloved sleep.

PSALM cxxvii. 2.

BLESSED is the turf, serenely blessed,  
Where throbbing hearts may sink to rest ;  
Where life's long journey turns to sleep,  
Nor ever pilgrim wakes to weep.

LEIGH HUNT.

MAY our souls depart out of this world, in the name  
of God the Father Almighty, who created us ; in  
the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us ; in the  
name of the Holy Ghost who hath been poured into us ;  
may our place in the day of death be peace, and our  
habitation in the heavenly Jerusalem ! We ask it for  
Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 13.

AND grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
EPH. iv. 30.

HOLY Spirit, given  
For our guide to heaven,  
Sent by love divine :  
With thy peace consoling,  
Every ill controlling,  
On our darkness shine !  
Faith and hope and love increasing,  
Fill our hearts with joy unceasing.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, let the power of the Holy Spirit be present with us, that it may both mercifully cleanse our hearts and protect us from all adversities, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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APRIL 14.

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BELOVED, if God so loved us, we ought also to  
love one another. I JOHN iv. 11.

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GOD scatters love on every side :  
Freely, among his children all :  
And always hearts are lying open wide,  
Wherein some grains may fall.

J. R. LOWELL.

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O GOD, who art the author of love, and the lover of  
pure peace and affection, give us grace so to walk  
through life, that we may ever be sowing the seed of di-  
vine truth in the hearts of our fellow-men, that they may  
be fruitful in all good works, for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 15.

THE beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety  
by him. DEUT. xxxiii. 12.

WITH mercy and with judgment  
My web of life he wove,  
And, aye, the dews of sorrow  
Were lusted with his love :  
I'll bless the hand that guided,  
I'll bless the heart that planned  
When throned where glory dwelleth,  
In Immanuel's land.

O MOST merciful Lord, most tender Father, do thou  
govern, protect, preserve, sanctify, guide, console  
thy servants, that they may ever be kept in perfect peace,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

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APRIL 16.

THOU, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive ; and  
plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon  
thee.

PSALM lxxxvi. 5.

LORD, on us thy Spirit pour,  
Kneeling lowly at thy door,  
Ere it close for evermore.

On thy love we rest alone,  
And that love will then be known  
By the pardoned round thy throne.

I. WILLIAMS.

REMEMBER thy compassions, O Lord, and sanctify  
with eternal protection thy servants, for whom Christ  
thy Son didst shed his most precious blood, and save us  
for his sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 17.

I REMEMBER the days of old ; I meditate on  
all thy works ; I muse on the work of thy  
hands. PSALM cxliii. 5.

THE clouds that gather round the setting sun  
Do take a sober coloring from an eye  
That hath kept watch o'er man's mortality :  
Another race hath been, and palms are won.  
Thanks to the human heart by which we live :  
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, its fears :  
To me the meanest flower that blows, can give  
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

WORDSWORTH.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mer-  
cies cannot be numbered : make us, we beseech thee,  
deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of hu-  
man life, and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this  
vale of misery in holiness and righteousness all our  
lives, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 18.

AND they began to be sorrowful and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? MARK xiv. 19.

OH break, oh break, hard heart of mine !  
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and his Judas were :  
Jesus, our love, is crucified !

A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Ask and they will not be denied :  
A broken heart love's cradle is,  
Jesus, our love, is crucified.

FABER.

O INNOCENT Jesus, who with wonderful submission wast for our sakes condemned to die. Make us to bear in mind that our sins crucified thee, and may this thought touch our hearts and make us hate those sins which caused thy death. *Amen.*

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APRIL 19.

WILT thou not from this time cry unto me, My  
father, thou art the guide of my youth ?  
JER. iii. 4.

LET me above all, fulfil  
God my Heavenly Father's will :  
Never his good Spirit grieve ;  
Only to his glory live !

I shall then show forth thy praise :  
Serve thee all my happy days :  
Then the world shall always see  
Christ the holy Child in me.

CHARLES WESLEY, 1740.

PRESERVE me, O Christ, as a dutiful and a dear  
child of God, and an heir of the kingdom of heaven,  
that through thy good mercy I may so faithfully serve  
thee in this life, that in the world to come I may have  
life everlasting. I ask it for thine own Name's sake.  
*Amen.*

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APRIL 20.

THEY shall look on him whom they pierced.  
JOHN xix. 37.

My Jesus, day by day,  
Help me to watch and pray  
Beside the tomb where in my heart thou'rt laid.  
Thy bitter death shall be  
My constant memory,  
My guide at last into death's awful shade.  
S. FRANCK, 1711.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 21.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things  
which are above, where Christ sitteth on the  
right hand of God. COL. iii. 1.

BURY my dead faith in thy tomb !  
Wake me with thee to life !  
Bid me, my King, gird on my sword,  
And never quit the strife,  
Till in thy strength, my warfare past,  
Thou call'st my soul to thee,  
On "through the grave and gate of death"  
To endless victory.

WE give thee thanks, O God the Father, who hast de-  
livered us from the power of darkness, and trans-  
lated us into the kingdom of thy Son : grant therefore,  
we pray thee, that as by his death he has recalled us to  
life, he may raise us up in his love to joys eternal, for  
his sake who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 22.

BUT unto you that fear my name, shall the Sun  
of righteousness arise with healing in his  
wings. MAL. iv. 2.

THE sunlight takes the hue  
Of whatsoever shade it shineth through,  
Crimson or blue :  
And thus we find  
The one great Light, which lighteth all mankind,  
Taketh a varied coloring from each mind.  
A. E. H.

O LIGHT of light, O Brightness indescribable, Christ  
our God, who having overcome the prince of dark-  
ness, didst return to thy throne on high, grant to us thy  
suppliants, amid this dark world, the full outpouring of  
thy splendor, and at last admit us to a place at thy right  
hand, for thine own blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 23.

AND let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

GAL. vi. 9.

THERE is, in every human heart,  
Some not completely barren part,  
Where seeds of love and truth might grow,  
And flowers of generous virtue blow ;  
To plant, to watch, to water these, —  
This be our duty, — this our care !

JOHN BOWRING.

MERCIFUL Jesus, make speed to aid thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations ; and as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

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APRIL 24.

BEHOLD ! I stand at the door and knock.  
REV. iii. 20.

O PATIENT hand !  
Knocking and waiting —  
Open, O happy young, ere yet the hand  
Of him that knocks, wearied at last, forbear,  
The patient foot its thankless quest, refrain,  
The wounded heart for evermore withdraw !  
JEAN INGELow.

RECEIVE us, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy  
well beloved Son : that we may come at last into  
the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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APRIL 25.

LORD, increase our faith.

LUKE xvii. 5.

OUR little systems have their day ;  
They have their day and cease to be ;  
They are but broken lights of thee,  
And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

We have but faith ; we cannot know ;  
For knowledge is of things we see ;  
And yet we trust it comes from thee ;  
A beam in darkness : let it grow.

TENNYSON.

STRENGTHEN our faith, O Jesus, that we may look  
to thee as the Life, the Truth, and the Way : give us  
an unwavering trust in thee, that our souls may be forever  
enlightened by thy heavenly light. *Amen.*

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APRIL 26.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world  
is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

GAL. vi. 14.

ALL service should be done for thee  
In meek humility,  
And awe most sweet,  
That thou shouldst take,  
E'er for thy Son Christ Jesus' sake,  
Service from servants so unmeet.

A. E. H.

HAVE mercy on us, O Lord, and grant that we, rising  
above all the evils of this sinful world, may walk  
before thee in newness of life, and may serve thee with  
a pure and steadfast heart, until we come unto thy  
heavenly kingdom: we ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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APRIL 27.

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged.  
MATT. vii. 1.

DARK is the glass through which we see each other,  
We may not judge a brother.  
We only see the rude and outer strife,  
God knows the hidden life.  
Where we our voice in condemnation raise,  
God may see fit to praise ;  
And those from whom, like Pharisees, we shrink,  
With Christ may eat and drink.

E. H.

O GOD, mercifully forgive all that my heart has ever  
offended in through evil intention, or perversity of  
will ; engraft my frail heart on thine own, O merciful  
Jesus, then shall I ever be kind in judgment, forgiving,  
as I hope to be forgiven. *Amen.*

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APRIL 28.

THE mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

PSALM ciii. 17.

WITH prayer my humble praise I bring,  
For mercies day by day ;  
Lord, teach my heart thy love to sing,  
Lord, teach me how to pray !  
All that I have, I am, to thee  
I offer, through eternity !

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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APRIL 29.

LOVE worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore  
love is the fulfilling of the law. ROM. xiii. 10.

HE prayeth well who loveth well  
Both man and bird and beast.  
He prayeth best, who loveth best  
All things both great and small ;  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all.

S. T. COLERIDGE.

O GOD, the author and giver of true blessedness,  
guide us into the path of the undefiled, that, seeking  
the testimonies of thy law with pious hearts, we may  
continually love what thou commandest, and desire that  
whereunto they lead ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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APRIL 30.

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THAT thou mayest be a holy people unto the  
Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.

DEUT. xxvi. 19.  
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RENOUNCING every worldly thing,  
Safe 'neath the covert of thy wing,  
My sweetest thought henceforth shall be  
That all I want I find in thee,

In thee, my God, in thee !

MRS. WILSON, FROM JOHN FRED. OBERLIN  
—◆—

AND now, O most gracious Lord, direct and order  
all my thoughts, words, and works according to thy  
good pleasure, and to the praise of thy holy Name, and  
unto thee shall be all the glory, now and for evermore.  
*Amen.*  
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MAY I.

I PRAY not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. JOHN xvii. 15.

ABIDE in me — o'ershadow by thy love  
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin,  
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,  
And keep my soul as thine, calm and divine.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay  
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,  
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,  
All heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown.  
H. B. STOWE.

O CHRIST, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, enlighten our souls, and purify our consciences, that we may ever have thee for our guardian and protector, and be guided by thee all our life long. *Amen.*

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MAY 2.

CONSIDER the lilies of the field how they grow ; they toil not, neither do they spin ; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

MATT. vi. 28, 29.

How lovely are the common things of God,  
Such as the flowers which lie around our path  
Speaking to us of love and not of wrath,  
His staff and not his rod !

A. E. H.

MOST gracious God, we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise, for all thy mercies in crowning the year with thy goodness, and in all the beauties with which thou dost gladden our eyes and delight our hearts. Add unto them all 'spiritual blessings, we beseech thee, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 3.

HE that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father,  
and I will love him, and will manifest myself  
to him. JOHN xiv. 21.

So near, so very near to God,  
I cannot nearer be,  
For in the person of his Son  
I am as near as he.  
So dear, so very dear to God,  
I cannot dearer be ;  
The love wherewith he loves his Son.  
That love he gives to me.

WE offer and present to thee, O Lord, ourselves, our  
souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living  
sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching thee that we  
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction  
and made one body with Christ, that he may dwell in us  
and we in him ; for his blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 4.

THOU shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

PSALM lxxiii. 24.

As God leads me, so my heart  
In faith shall rest,  
No grief nor fear my soul shall part  
From his dear breast.  
In sweet belief I know  
Which way my life doth go —  
Since God permitteth so —  
That must be best.

L. GEDICKE.

LET the prayers of thy suppliants, O Lord, come up to the ears of thy mercy ; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleases thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 5.

PUT ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

ROM. xiii. 14.

O WONDROUS Lord ! my soul would be  
Still more and more conformed to thee ;  
Would lose the pride, the taint of sin,  
That burns these fevered veins within,  
And learn of thee, the lowly one,  
And like thee, all my journey run,  
Above the world and all its mirth,  
Yet weeping still with weeping earth.

ARTHUR CLEAVELAND COXE.

O GRACIOUS Saviour, give us grace that we may  
always imitate thy humility, resignation, purity, pa-  
tience, charity, and all virtues, that we may be well-pleas-  
ing to thee, and may become daily more like thee.  
*Amen.*

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MAY 6.

THIS is the confidence that we have in him, that  
if we ask anything according to his will, he  
heareth us. I JOHN V. 14.

GOD'S "ask,"  
Meaneth all fulness and all grace,  
Access in every time and place ;  
Yet we,  
To whom this mercy is so free,  
This privilege of light to bask  
In the full sunshine of his face,  
Regard prayer even as a task.

A. E. H.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always  
more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont  
to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour  
down upon us the abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving  
us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and  
giving us those good things which we are not worthy to  
ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus  
Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 7.

THE meek will be guide in judgment: and the  
meek will he teach his way.

PSALM xxv. 9.

TRUE dignity abides with him alone  
Who, in the silent hour of inward thought,  
Can still suspect, and still revere himself  
In lowliness of heart.

WORDSWORTH.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to govern the hearts of thy  
faithful servants: and that they may obtain thy  
good things, grant first of all that their own wills may  
be good: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 8.

THOU hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord,  
according unto thy word.

PSALM cxix. 65.

FATHER, thy life-long mercies, old and new,  
Shall be the stones so fair  
Built on the ground-work of a grateful heart,  
To raise an altar there.

So, "all things" minister of right to me,  
Things present, things to come ;  
And help to bring me on my pilgrim path  
To the eternal home. M. K. A. S.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all  
things both in heaven and earth ; we humbly be-  
seech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to  
give us those things which are profitable for us ; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 9.

HE was marvellously helped, till he was strong.  
2 CHRON. xxvi. 15.

UNSTABLE waves grow firm beneath Christ's feet ;  
The wilderness doth blossom as the rose ;  
These he doth soften with his mercy sweet,  
Strengthening the weak and feeble will of those.  
In him we find  
The lacking power of every frame of mind,  
In whom "we are complete." A. E. H.

FROM presuming to measure the depth of thy al-  
mightiness by the short line of human reason, from  
presuming to interpret the unsearchable secrets of thy  
will by the fallible rule of man's judgment : good Lord  
deliver us !

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MAY 10.

FOR through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. EPH. ii. 18, 19.

THERE is a tie 'twixt thee and me,  
All strangers though our kindred be,  
Of differing climes, of varying speech,  
The blood of Christ was shed for each ;  
That blood which cleanseth from all sin,  
Makes sinners everywhere akin.

E. HAMILTON.

O GOD, who hast made all those that are born again in Christ to be our spiritual kindred, grant that thy people who are called to eternal life, may have the same faith in their hearts, and the same piety in their actions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY II.

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SOWN in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.  
I COR. xv. 42.

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THE flowers all tell to thee a sacred mystic story,  
How moistened earthy dust can wear celestial glory.  
On thousand stems is found the love inscription graven :  
"How beautiful is earth, when it can image heaven!"  
RUCKERT.

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WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from  
the death of sin into the life of righteousness, that  
when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, thy  
well beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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MAY 12.

ALL his saints are in thy hand.

DEUT. xxxiii. 3.

AROUND each pure domestic shrine  
Bright flowers of Eden bloom and twine,  
Our hearths are altars all :  
The prayers of hungry souls and poor,  
Like armed angels at the door,  
Our unseen foes appal.

KEBLE.

GRANT thy servants, O Lord, to be set on fire with  
thy Spirit, strengthened with thy power, illuminated  
by thy splendor, filled with thy grace, and to go forward  
by thine aid. Give them, O God, a right faith, perfect  
love, true humility : we ask it for our Saviour's sake.  
*Amen.*

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MAY 13.

FEAR ye not therefore ; ye are of more value  
than many sparrows. MATT. x. 31.

COMMIT thou all thy ways,  
And all thy grief and care,  
To him whom heaven obeys,  
Whose love is everywhere :  
For air, and clouds, and wind,  
He findeth pathways meet ;  
Shall he not also find  
The pathway for *thy* feet ?

PAUL GERHARDT.

WE entreat thy mercy with our whole hearts, dear  
Lord, that as thou defendest us against things ad-  
verse to the body, so thou wilt set us free from the ene-  
mies of the soul, and as thou grantest us to rejoice in  
outward tranquillity, so vouchsafe to us thy inward peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 14.

YEA, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

PSALM xxiii. 4.

THERE is an hour when I must part  
With all I hold most dear ;  
And life, with its best hopes, will then  
As nothingness appear.

O Saviour, then, in all my need,  
Be near, be near to me ;  
And let my soul in steadfast faith,  
Find life and heaven in thee !

ANDREW REED.

O JESUS, my Maker and Redeemer, set thy passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and my soul. I give myself wholly unto thee ; cast me not away : I come to thee. Deal mercifully with me, according to thy will, and bid my spirit be taken to thee in peace : for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 15.

REJOICE with them that do rejoice, and weep  
with them that weep. ROM. xii. 15.

If thou art blessed,  
Then let the sunshine of thy gladness rest  
On the dark edges of each cloud that lies  
Black in thy brother's skies.  
If thou art sad,  
Still be thou in thy brother's gladness glad.  
E. H.

DO thou, O Master, look upon us in thy tender love,  
and show forth towards us, and those for whom we  
pray, thy rich mercies and compassions, and to thee, with  
the Father and the Holy Ghost, all glory be ascribed,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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MAY 16.

THEY go from strength to strength : every one  
of them in Zion appeareth before God.

PSALM lxxxiv. 7.

THEN, fainting soul, arise and sing !  
Mount, but be sober on the wing :  
Mount up, for heaven is won by prayer ;  
Be sober : for thou art not there ;  
Till death the weary spirit free,  
Thy God hath said, 't is good for thee  
To walk by faith, and not by sight :  
Take it on trust a little while ;  
Soon shalt thou read the mystery right  
In the full sunshine of his smile.

KEBLE.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and  
giver of all good things ; graft in our hearts the  
love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish  
us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in  
the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 17.

SURELY I know that it shall be well with them  
that fear God, which fear before him.  
ECCL. viii. 12.

How blessed is the calm and single eye,  
Which all things set in God doth see !  
Life's greatness, littleness, its joy or grief,  
As stands against the background of the sky,  
The outline of each spire, mountain, tree,  
Its azure showing forth the smallest leaf.

A. E. H.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy compassion, to increase our faith in thee ; because thou wilt not deny the aid of thy loving kindness to those on whom thou bestowest a steadfast faith in thee. We ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 18.

BE strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them : for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

DEUT. xxxi. 6.

I KNOW it — I believe it —  
I say it fearlessly,  
That God the highest, mightiest,  
Forever loveth me.  
At all times, in all places,  
He standeth at my side ;  
He rules the battle's fury,  
The tempest, and the tide.

PAUL GERHARDT.

WE rejoice, O Lord our God, in thy almighty power and glory. Raise thou us up with thee, O Saviour, above all earthly desires. Inspire us with thoughts of joy, of hope, and love, and help us to praise thy Name in this our earthly pilgrimage, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 19.

AS many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.  
REV. iii. 19.

SOMETHING to love  
God lends us, but when love is grown  
To ripeness, that on which it throve  
Falls off : and love is left alone.

TENNYSON.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men ; look with pity upon our sorrows. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy : sanctify thy fatherly correction to us ; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 20.

MY lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee ; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.  
PSALM lxxi. 23.

THY heart in joy uleapeth,  
Grief cannot linger there ;  
She singeth high in glory  
Amidst the sunshine fair ;  
The sun that shines upon me,  
Is Jesus and his love :  
The fountain of my singing,  
Is deep in heaven above.

PAUL GERHARDT.

O GOD, thou art very love ! he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in thee. Who shall separate me from the love of Christ my Saviour ? Oh ! that neither life, nor death, nor any creature, may have power to do so ! Make me all thine own, O Jesus ! I ask it for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 21.

AND Jesus called a little child unto him.  
MATT. xviii. 2.

I SAW the little children round thee press,  
Each in its turn receiving thy caress ;  
How tender was thy touching of these flowers,  
The fairest things in this dark world of ours,  
And nearest heaven in their innocence.  
Therefore, O Lord, thou still dost take them hence,  
They are so easy to transplant within,  
So lightly rooted in the soil of sin,  
Growing almost upon heaven's outer fence.

A. E. H.

O GOD who chastiseth us in thy love, and refreshest  
us amid thy chastening : grant that we may ever be  
able to give thee thanks for both, through our most lov-  
ing and pitiful Saviour. *Amen.*

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MAY 22.

WHO loved me.

GAL. ii. 20.

MY soul, the order of the words approve  
*Christ first*, me last, nothing between but love.  
Lord keep me always down, *thysself above*.

Trusting to thee, not struggling restlessly,  
So shall I gain the victory.  
“I, yet not I” — but Christ — “who loved me.”

O LORD Jesus Christ, who am I, that thou hast  
so loved me, and sought to be loved by me? Who  
shall separate me from the love of Christ? Chasten  
me as thou wilt, my God, but take not from me the  
power to love thee, for thou art my life, my all! *Amen.*

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MAY 23.

AND thou shalt be blessed : for they cannot recompense thee : for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. LUKE xiv. 13.

WOULDS'T thou from sorrow find a sweet relief ?  
Or is thy heart oppressed with woes untold ?  
Balm wouldst thou gather for corroding grief ?  
Pour blessings round thee like a shower of gold.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, be gracious to thy people, that they may be filled more and more with the love of thy commandments, and being supported by thy comfort in this mortal life, may advance to the full enjoyment of life immortal ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 24.

HE that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment ; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

REV. iii. 5.

FAITH is the golden thread on which we string,  
For offering,  
Our feeble deeds of poor self-sacrifice :  
Unworthy gifts ! yet, in his grace, the king  
Accounts them pearls of price.

A. E. H.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee ; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MAY 25.

JESUS stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

JOHN vii. 37.

CHRIST in his heavenly garden walks all day,  
And calls to souls upon the world's highway,  
Wearied with trifles, maimed, and sick with sin :  
Christ by the gate stands, and invites them in.

"'T is not from earthly paths I bid you flee,  
But lighter in my ways your feet will be ;  
'T is not to summon you from human mirth,  
But add a depth and sweetness not of earth."

FRANCIS TURNER PALGRAVE.

BECAUSE thou, O Jesus, art the fountain of life, from thee may we drink what by faith we thirst for ; may we obey thy gracious call, and come unto thee, to find peace and joy which the world knoweth not of. We ask it for thine own blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 26.

COMMIT thy ways unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

PROV. xvi. 3.

LIKE a blind spinner in the sun,  
I tread my days ;  
I know that all the threads will run  
Appointed ways ;  
I know each day will bring its task,  
And, being blind, no more I ask. H. H.

LORD, to whom shall I go, but unto thee? I ask from thy gracious lips ever a word of life to heal my soul when it is restless and afraid. Led by thy hand I am safe, in time and for eternity. Lord, I commit myself, my heart, and all to which it clings, unto thy true, thy loving, thy Almighty hand, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 27.

HE hath made every thing beautiful in his time.  
ECCLES. iii. 11.

My God, I thank thee who hast made  
The earth so bright,  
So full of splendor and of joy,  
Beauty and light ;  
So many noble things are here,  
Noble and right. A. A. PROCTER.

O GOD, who art the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection ; open to us this day the sea of thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of thy grace, and from the most sweet springs of thy benignity strengthen our weakness, bind us closely unto thee, and fill us with gratitude for all thy blessings, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 28.

SEEK ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness ; and all these things shall be added unto you. MATT. vi. 33.

SHINE on our souls, eternal God,  
With rays of beauty shine !  
Oh, let thy favor crown our days,  
And all their round be thine !

Did we not raise our hands to thee,  
Our hands might toil in vain ;  
Small joy success itself could give,  
If thou thy love restrain.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE, 1775.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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MAY 29.

STRENGTHENED with all might according to  
his glorious power, and all patience with joyfulness.  
COL. i. 11.

WHAT though my shrinking flesh complain  
And murmur to contend so long ?  
I rise superior to my pain :  
When I am weak, then I am strong !  
And when my all of strength shall fail,  
I shall with the God-man prevail.

CHARLES WESLEY.

LORD JESUS, hast thou not invited all that labor  
and are heavy-laden to come to thee for refreshment ? Behold us, whensoever we are afflicted and oppressed, coming to thee for help : grant us thy heavenly strength, the fulness of thy grace and peace. *Amen.*

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MAY 30.

THE disciple is not above his master : but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

LUKE vi. 40

CHRIST having lived for us as well as died,  
Our human life is now a sacred tide.  
To us our duties come whole and complete, —  
Waves which have rippled underneath his feet,  
And by their holy pressure sanctified.

A. E. H.

GRANT that there may be in us, O Lord, simple affection, brave patience, a pure mind, a right and clean heart, a good will, a holy conscience, a life unspotted and unblamable, like unto thine, O Christ, on earth. We ask it for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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MAY 31.

MY God shall supply all your need, according to  
his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
PHIL. iv. 19.

DAILY I find the promise true  
For loss to bear, or work to do ;  
Crooked or rough the path may be,  
Yet seems it just the best for me :  
The one my Father's love hath planned,  
To bring me to the better land.

M. K. A. S.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplica-  
tions and prayers, and dispose the way of thy ser-  
vants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ;  
that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal  
life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and  
ready help ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 1.

AND this is the promise that he has promised  
us, even eternal life. I JOHN ii. 25.

A LITTLE longer ere life true, immortal  
(Not this our shadowy life), will be thine own :  
And thou shall stand where winged archangels worship,  
And trembling bow before the great white throne.

A little longer yet, — and angel voices  
Shall ring in heavenly chants upon thine ear ;  
Angels and saints await thee, and God needs thee :  
Beloved, can we bid thee linger here !

A. A. PROCTER.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, mercifully look upon us, and  
sanctify us with the Holy Ghost, that being stead-  
fast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity,  
we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world,  
that finally we may come to the land of everlasting rest,  
there to reign with thee, world without end, through  
Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 2.

WHEN he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will  
guide you into all truth.

JOHN xvi. 13.

HOLY SPIRIT, gently come,  
Raise us from our fallen state,  
Fix thy everlasting home  
In the hearts thou didst create !

Gift of God most high !  
Visit every troubled breast :  
Light and life and love supply :  
Give our spirits perfect rest !

HAMMOND.

LET thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, and the bright-  
ness of thy Spirit illumine our inward souls ; that  
he may kindle our cold hearts and light up our dark  
minds, who abideth evermore with thee in glory : for  
Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## JUNE 3.

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HE shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds ; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. 2 SAM. xxiii. 4.

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STILL, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,  
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee :  
Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,  
Dawns the sweet consciousness — I am with thee !

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,  
Its closing eye looks up to thee in prayer.  
Sweet the repose beneath thy wings o'ershading,  
But sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

MRS. STOWE.

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THOU, O Lord, who dost permit us to see thy goodness in the land of the living, by thy loving kindness which is better than life, help us to praise thee through thy works, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 4.

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**T**HEN said I, Ah, Lord God ! behold I cannot speak ; for I am a child.

But the Lord said unto me, Say not I am a child ; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak. JER. i. 6, 7.

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ONE thought sublimely sweet,  
Where'er my wanderings be,  
One star to guide my feet, —  
The Lord hath need of me.  
Dear Lord, I work and wait,  
Where'er thy footprints be ;  
When at thy pearly gate,  
Still, Lord, have need of me.

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**L**ET thy Spirit, O Lord, come into the midst of us, and prepare us to be always a living sacrifice unto thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 5.

AND Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, . . . so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God.

GEN. xxviii. 20, 21.

GIRT with the love of God on every side, —  
Breathing that love as heaven's own healing air,  
I work or wait, still following my guide,  
Braving each foe, escaping every snare.

'T is what I know of thee, my Lord and God,  
That fills my soul with peace, my lips with song ;  
Thou art my health, my joy, my staff, my rod,  
Leaning on thee, in weakness I am strong.

BONAR.

GRANT, merciful Lord, that hereafter we may not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. We ask it for his Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 6.

THE Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

ISAIAH 1. 4.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things thou dost impart :  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, give thine own sweet rest to me,  
That I may speak with soothing power  
A word in season, as from thee,  
To weary ones in needful hour.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

TO thee, O Lord, I dedicate, to the greater glory of thy name, my body and soul, with all their powers and faculties, and all my thoughts, words, and actions, that in them all thy blessed Name may be forever praised and glorified, for the sake of thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 7.

WATCH ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. MARK xiv. 38.

It is when birds of air  
Light on the ground to feed  
That they are taken in the snare ;  
Therefore let us take heed,  
When we have left the firmament of prayer  
In daily walk of word and deed,  
Lest we be taken unaware  
In the net  
Of sin, which we forget  
Satan spreads everywhere.

A. E. H.

O GOD, the comforter of the humble and the strength of the faithful, be merciful to thy suppliants : that human weakness, which by itself is prone to fall, may ever be supported by thee to stand upright, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 8.

AND ye are complete in him.

COL. ii. 10.

I HAVE no wisdom save in him who is  
My wisdom and my teacher, both in one,  
No wisdom can I lack while thou art wise,  
No teaching do I crave save thine alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness :  
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood.  
This is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,  
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.  
H. BONAR.

O LORD GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in  
anything that we do ; mercifully grant that by thy  
power we may be defended against all adversity ;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 9.

NO man hath seen God at any time ; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. JOHN i. 18.

HOLY, holy, holy ! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
Perfect in love, in power, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy ! Lord God Almighty !  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky,  
and sea ;  
Holy, holy, holy ! merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity.

HEBER.

THOU art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor,  
and power : for thou hast created all things, and for  
thy pleasure they are and were created : to thee, there-  
fore, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, do we ascribe all  
praise now and forever. *Amen.*

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JUNE 10.

AND there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

REV. iv. 3.

JERUSALEM the golden !  
Methinks each flower that blows,  
And every bird a-singing,  
Of the same secret knows !  
I know not what the flowers  
Can feel, or singers see,  
But all these summer raptures  
Are prophecies of thee.

GERALD MASSEY.

OTHOU who by wisdom hath founded the earth, and by understanding hath established the heavens, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down their dew ; we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for all thy mercies in this life ; prepare us by them, we pray thee, for an entrance into thy heavenly Jerusalem. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 11.

PURE religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this ; to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. JAMES i. 27.

ASK God to give thee skill  
In comfort's art,  
That thou mayest consecrated be  
And set apart  
Unto a life of sympathy ;  
For heavy is the weight of ill  
In every heart,  
And comforters are needed much,  
Of Christ-like touch.

E. H.

O LOVING CHRIST, teach us to do thy work on earth in the strength of thine own tender ministry unto us. Let labor for thee be our delight, and all rest a weariness out of thee. May we ever seek to do thy will, and thus be written true sons of consolation. We ask it for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 12.

THIS is none other but the house of God, and  
this is the gate of heaven.

GEN. xxviii. 17.

WHEN trembling at the sacred rail,  
We hid our eyes and held our breath,  
Felt thee how strong, our hearts how frail,  
And longed to own thee to the death ;  
Forever on our souls be traced  
That blessing dear, that dove-like hand,  
A sheltering rock in memory's waste,  
O'ershadowing all the weary land.

KEBLE.

O HOLY SPIRIT, take thou full possession of my  
soul forever : may thy heavenly wisdom reign in my  
heart, thy counsel guide me, thy strength fortify me, thy  
divine fear keep me from all evil, that, having fought the  
good fight of faith, I may at length come off more than  
conqueror, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 13.

BECAUSE thy loving kindness is better than  
life, my lips shall praise thee.

PSALM lxiii. 3.

LORD of my life, oh may thy praise  
Employ my noblest powers,  
Whose goodness lengthens out my days,  
And fills the circling hours.

Smile on my minutes as they roll,  
And guide my future days :  
And let thy goodness fill my soul  
With gratitude and praise.

ANNE STEELE.

FATHER of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants,  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all  
thy goodness and loving-kindness to us. We praise  
thee for all the blessings of this life, but above all for  
thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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JUNE 14.

NEVERTHELESS, not my will, but thine be  
done. LUKE xxii. 42.

God's will is like a cliff of stone,  
My will is like the sea :  
Each murmuring thought is only thrown  
Tenderly back to me.

God's will and mine are one this day,  
And evermore shall be ;  
There is a calm in life's tossed bay,  
And the waves sleep quietly.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us ; that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 15.

THE Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM cxxi. 8.

FATHER ! whose hand hath led me so securely,  
Father ! whose ear hath listened to my prayer,  
Father ! whose eye hath watched o'er me so surely,  
Whose heart hath loved me with a love so rare ;  
Vouchsafe, O Heavenly Father, to instruct me  
In the straight way wherein I ought to go, —  
To life eternal, and to heaven conduct me,  
Through health and sickness, and through weal and woe.

SPITTA, TRANS. BY R. MASSIE.

OUR Father who art in heaven, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey thy commands ; that we may adore thy mercy, follow thee for thy truth, desire thee for thy sweetness, who art the blessed Lord God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 16.

LET me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. SONG OF SOLOMON ii. 14.

AN ear  
Quick to hear  
Eternal melody,  
An eye quick to see  
All beauty, Christ, in thee;  
A mouth  
Seasoned with charity,  
Softer than soft wind of the south,  
Grant these, O Lord, to me.

A. E. H.

O LORD Jesus Christ, sweetest guest, come into my heart, and be its dayspring from on high! For what beside this, O thou calm of my heart, could my soul seek for, or desire. Make me altogether thine, for my trust is in thee! *Amen.*

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JUNE 17.

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SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart: try  
me, and know my thoughts: and see if there  
be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way  
everlasting. PSALM cxxxix. 23, 24.

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SHINE on me, Lord! new life impart,  
Fresh ardors kindle in my heart!  
One ray of thy all-quickenning light  
Dispels the sloth and clouds of night.  
Lord, lest the tempter me surprise,  
Watch over thine own sacrifice,  
All loose, all idle thoughts cast out,  
And make my very dreams devout.

BISHOP KEN.

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CLEANSE us, O Lord, by the inspiration of thy Holy  
Spirit, that we may worthily magnify thy holy Name,  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 18.

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JESUS himself drew near, and went with them.  
LUKE xxiv. 15.

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My Master, in thine hand it is to measure  
My times of work and weariness for thee :  
My times of rest return at thy good pleasure,  
By lake or mountain, wood or murmuring sea.  
But to give sweetness to my hours of leisure,  
Come thou thyself, O Lord, and rest with me.

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JESUS our Master, do thou meet us while we walk in  
the way, and long to reach at length thy heavenly  
country ; so that, following thy light, we may keep the  
path of righteousness, and that thou wilt abide with us  
for evermore. We ask it for thine own Name's sake.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 19.

AS for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.  
JOSHUA xxiv. 15.

ONWARD, onward will we press  
Through the path of duty;  
Virtue is true happiness,  
Excellence true beauty :  
Minds are of supernal birth,  
Let us make a heaven of earth.

MONTGOMERY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, be thou present to  
our duties, and grant the protection of thy presence  
to all that dwell in this house : that thou mayest be  
known to be the defender of thy family, and the inhab-  
itant of this dwelling ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 20.

BELOVED, let us love one another : for love is  
of God. I JOHN iv. 7.

FOR love is not a soulless clod : living, perfected it shall  
rise  
Transfigured in the light of God, and giving glory to the  
skies ;  
And that which makes this life so sweet  
Shall render heaven's joy complete.

A. A. PROCTER.

O GOD of love, grant us the spirit of peace and grace,  
that thy universal family may be both devoted to  
thee with their whole heart, and united to each other  
with a pure will ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 21.

AND this I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; . . . . that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

PHIL. i. 9, 10.

It is not the deed we do  
Though the deed be never so fair,  
But the love that the dear Lord looketh for,  
Hidden with holy care  
In the heart of the deed so fair.

CLEANSE us, O Lord our God, from all our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness; cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 22.

MASTER, I will follow thee whithersoever thou  
goest.

But the Son of man hath not where to lay his  
head. MATT. viii. 19, 20.

How can we e'er forget our Lord,  
Who had not where to lay his head? -  
Homeless in all this world of homes,  
A hungered, he, the Living Bread!  
Father! forgive our halting step,  
So laggard on the upward road:  
And grant that each returning day  
May bring us nearer thine abode.

M. K. A. S.

THOU knowest, Lord, how much we boast our willing-  
ness to follow thee, and yet when thou callest us to  
any trial of the flesh or spirit, we mourn and lament.  
Strengthen us to a real following of thee, O merciful  
Saviour, that in body and soul we may cheerfully accom-  
plish thy gracious will, for thine own Name's sake.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 23.

YE are bought with a price : therefore glorify  
God in your body, and in your spirit, which are  
God's. I COR. vi. 20.

“NOT your own !” To him ye owe  
All your life and all your love ;  
Live, that ye his praise may show,  
Who is yet all praise above.

Every day and every hour,  
Every gift and every power,  
Consecrate to him alone,  
Who hath claimed you for his own.

O GOD, help me ever to seek thy face with all my  
heart, all my soul, all my mind : to prefer nothing  
to thy love, and to serve thee truly all the days of my  
life. I ask it for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 24.

THE next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him,  
and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which  
taketh away the sin of the world.

JOHN i. 29.

WHERE is the love the Baptist taught,  
The soul unswerving, and the fearless tongue ?  
The much-enduring wisdom sought  
By lonely prayer the haunted rocks among ?  
Who counts it gain  
His light should wane,  
So the whole world to Jesus throng ?

KEBLE.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the ex-  
ample of thy servant may incite us to a better life.  
May we imitate his actions, and ever be seeking to lead  
others to repentance, by showing to them Jesus, the  
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.  
We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 25.

THE Lord stood with me and strengthened me.  
2 TIM. iv. 17.

OUR Saviour of Cyrene, Lord, thou art ;  
Thou dost take up and bear  
The cross of care,  
Which lies so sorely on the scourged heart ;  
And we must also be  
Cross-bearers after thee. A. E. H.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look  
upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and ne-  
cessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend  
us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 26.

AND I said, it is mine own infirmity ; but I will  
remember the years of the right hand of the  
Most Highest. PSALM lxxvii. 10.

I SEE not a step before me as I tread on another year,  
But the past is still in God's keeping, the future his  
mercy shall clear :  
And what looks dark in the distance may brighten as I  
draw near.

MARIA J. BRAINARD.

O GOD, whose nature and property is always to have  
mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions ;  
and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our  
sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us,  
for the honor of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate.  
*Amen.*

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JUNE 27.

ALL the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
unto such as keep his covenant and his testi-  
monies. PSALM xxv. 10.

LET nothing trouble thee,  
Let nothing terrify thee,  
All passes away,  
God never changes  
Patience obtains everything.  
Who possesseth God lacks nothing,  
God alone suffices.

ST. THERESA'S MAXIMS.

I OFFER unto thee, my God, my thoughts, that they  
may be towards thee : my words, that they may be of  
thee : my deeds, that they may be according to thee.  
By thy wisdom do thou direct me ; by thy righteousness  
do thou keep me ; by thy sweet mercy do thou comfort  
and protect me, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 28.

IF we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. I JOHN iv. 12.

THY brother may be rich indeed,  
Rich in the wealth of this world's good,  
And yet thy brother's heart have need  
Of that which is life's truest food,  
Of tender sympathy and love,  
The dew which droppeth from above.  
"Man doth not live by bread alone,"  
Thy heart against him do not close,  
Love may be given in a tone,  
Frost killeth the unopened rose.

A. E. HAMILTON.

REJOICING, O Lord, in the richness of thy gifts to us, we pray thee to help us to give unto our fellow-mortals such sympathy and kindly love as may lighten their afflictions, for the merciful Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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JUNE 29.

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THOU shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

ISAIAH lxii. 2, 3.

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OH fill me with thy fulness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow,  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

Oh use me, Lord, use even me,

Just as thou wilt, and when and where :

F. R. HAVERGAL.

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GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Ghost may come upon us, and by his gracious indwelling, may make us a temple of his glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JUNE 30.

HE that winneth souls is wise.

PROV. xi. 30.

THOU mayest live to bless the giver,  
Who himself but frail and weak,  
Would at least the highest welfare  
Of another seek ;

And his gift, though poor and lowly  
It may seem to other eyes,  
Yet may prove an angel holy  
In a pilgrim's guise.

J. G. WHITTIER.

O GOD, we pray for all those whose feet are not set  
in the paths of righteousness ; take from them all  
ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word :  
and grant at last that they may be made true followers  
of the good shepherd, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 1.

THIS woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did. ACTS ix. 36.

No simplest duty is forgot,  
Life hath no dim and lowly spot  
That doth not in her sunshine share.  
She doeth little kindnesses  
Which most leave undone or despise,  
For naught that sets one heart at ease  
And giveth happiness or peace  
Is low-esteemed in her eyes.

J. R. LOWELL.

BESTOW upon me, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, a behavior that may please thee, a perseverance that may happily and trustfully await thee, and so to make good use of thy blessings through grace, that in heaven I be admitted to thy joys in glory. I ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 2.

TO-DAY shalt thou be with me in paradise.  
LUKE xxiii. 43.

HIS Spirit to my spirit  
Sweet words of comfort saith :  
How God the weak one strengthens  
Who leans on him in faith :  
How he hath built a city  
Of love, and light, and song,  
Where the eye at last beholdeth  
What the heart had loved so long.  
PAUL GERHARDT.

THOU hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth : preserve me in life, and in the hour of death, O crucified Jesus ; take me into those loving arms once stretched out for me upon the cross, and receive my soul in peace into thine own presence in paradise. We ask it for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 3.

WHAT doth the Lord require of thee but to do  
justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly  
with thy God? MICAH vi. 8.

SOMETHING, my God, for thee,  
Something for thee ;  
That each day's setting sun may bring  
Some penitential offering ;  
In thy dear name some kindness done ;  
To thy dear love some wanderer won ;  
Some trial meekly borne for thee,  
Dear Lord, for thee.

BLESS, O Lord, thy family in heavenly places, and fill  
them with thy spiritual gifts : grant them love, joy,  
peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, chastity, hope, and  
faith, that, being replenished with all thy gifts, they may  
attain their desire by coming safe unto thee through  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 4.

LET not mercy and truth forsake thee :  
So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

PROV. iii. 3, 4.

WHENE'ER a noble deed is wrought,  
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,  
Our hearts, in glad surprise,  
To higher levels rise.  
Honor to those whose words or deeds  
Thus help us in our daily needs ;  
And by their overflow  
Raise us from what is low !

O GOD of heavenly powers, who givest us more than we ask or deserve : grant, we beseech thee, that what we cannot have by reliance on our own deserts, may be granted to us by thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 5.

A BROKEN and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. PSALM li. 17.

My Saviour, I have nought to bring  
Worthy of thee ;  
A broken heart thou wilt not spurn :  
Accept of me.  
I need thy righteousness divine,  
I plead thy promises as mine,  
I perish if I am not thine.

GODWIN.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee ; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 6.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

I THESS. iv. 13.

So not alone we land upon that shore,  
'T will be as though we had been there before.  
We shall meet more we know  
Than we can meet below,  
And find our rest like some returning dove,  
And be at home at once with our eternal love.

FABER.

COMFORT us, O compassionate Saviour, for all those whom thou hast taken from us, unto their eternal home: that when the time of our own departure draweth nigh, we may remember with joy that so many of our near and dear ones are already gathered into thy presence above, pardoned through thy mercies, O Jesus.  
*Amen.*

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JULY 7.

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MY beloved is mine, and I am his.  
SONG OF SOLOMON ii. 16.

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LORD JESUS, make thyself to me  
A living, bright reality ;  
More present to faith's vision keen  
Than any outward object seen ;  
More dear, more intimately nigh,  
Than e'en the sweetest earthly tie !

C. ELLIOT.

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O JESUS ! beloved, fairer than the children of men,  
draw me after thee with the cords of thy love.  
Thou who art the lover of souls, may I love thee, and  
nothing else, except for thy sake : for thou only art  
worthy of all that I have and am, and can be. I ask it  
for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 8.

I SLEEP, but my heart waketh.

SONG OF SOLOMON v. 2.

THINE must be a watchful sleep,  
Wearier than another's waking ;  
Such a charge as thou must keep  
Brooks no moment of forsaking.  
Sleep, as on the battle-field,  
Girded, grasping sword and shield ;  
Those thou canst not name or number,  
Steal upon thy broken slumber.

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH.

MAKE us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Christ: that when he shall come and knock, he may find us not sleeping, but awake and rejoicing in his praises, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 9.

LOVE your enemies, bless them that curse you,  
do good to them that hate you.

MATT. v. 44.

Ah ! if when Jesus speaks  
We 'd heed his voice,  
And follow his sweet teachings day by day,  
As life goes on, —  
How would the world rejoice !  
Love's sunshine would illumine all the way,  
And, scattering falsehood's spectres with its light,  
Back into silence deep as that of night,  
Bid strife be done ! S.

O GOD, who art peace everlasting, pour thy sweet  
peace into our souls, that everything discordant may  
utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to  
us forever. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 10.

YE shall not be afraid of the face of man : for  
the judgment is God's. DEUT. i. 17.

IF he who doth in secret see  
Approve our work, small need have we  
Of earthly fame or eulogy.

Grant only, Lord, that in thy sight  
We walk as children of the light,  
And 'neath thy banner bravely fight.  
E. D., *Sunday Magazine*.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to  
think and do always such things as are right ; that we  
who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may  
by thee be enabled to live according to thy will ; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 11.

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FOR thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy ; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

ISAIAH lvii. 15.

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THE Almighty, from his throne, on earth surveys  
Nought greater than an honest, humble heart ;  
An humble heart, his residence ! pronounced  
His second seat ; and rival to the skies.

YOUNG'S *Night Thoughts*.

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GOD the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who art everywhere present, and fillest all things, come and dwell in us, purify us from every stain, and save our souls in thy goodness, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JULY 12.

YEA, they may forget : yet will I not forget thee.  
ISAIAH xlix. 15.

I BEAR thy name :  
Thy love, dear Lord, have I not long confessed ?  
That love 's the same  
As when, like John, I leaned upon thy breast,  
And knew I loved ; oh, which of us has changed.  
Am I from thee estranged ?  
O Lord, thou changest not : I know the rest !  
A. D. F. R.

THAT it may please thee to give us true repentance ;  
to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and igno-  
rances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy  
Spirit to amend our lives according to thy word : we  
beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, for Jesus' sake.  
*Amen.*

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JULY 13.

I WILL commune with thee from above the  
mercy-seat. EXODUS xxv. 22.

THAT God had once whispered a word in thine ear,  
Or sent thee from heaven one sorrow for sin,  
Is enough for a life, both to banish all fear,  
And to turn into peace all the troubles within.

Then how can the heart e'er be drooping or sad,  
Which God hath once touched with the light of his  
grace ?  
Can the child have a doubt, who but lately hath laid  
Himself to repose in his father's embrace ?

FABER.

O HOLY SPIRIT, the Comforter, descend into our  
hearts, that whilst thou makest intercession for us,  
we may with full confidence call upon thee, through  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 14.

THE Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold  
your peace. EXODUS xiv. 14.

THE life that is the blesseddest  
Is not always the brightest ;  
And hearts that seek no present rest  
Are evermore the lightest.

Each human heart from out the strong  
May bring the hidden sweetness,  
By trusting him who wields the wrong  
To work the right's completeness.

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IT is good to hold fast by thee, O Lord : but do thou  
so increase in us the desire of good, that the hope  
which joins us to thee may not be shaken by any wavering  
of faith, but may endure in steadfastness of love, for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 15.

GREAT shall be the peace of thy children.  
ISAIAH liv. 13.

OUR restless spirits yearn for thee  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast ;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see ;  
Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.  
O Jesus, ever with us stay.  
Make all our moments calm and bright :  
Chase the dark night of sin away ;  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light !  
S. BERNARD, TRANS. BY RAY PALMER.

O GOD, who art the author of peace, and in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom ; defend us in all assaults of our enemies ; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 16.

THEN spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

JOHN viii. 12.

THE cloud that nearest to the moon doth lie  
Shineth the brightest in the midnight sky ;  
The pathway of that Christian is most bright  
Which cleaveth closest unto Christ the light.

E. H.

HEAR us, O never-failing light, Lord our God, the fountain of light : may our souls be lamps of thine, kindled and illuminated by thee. Being filled with the splendor of thy Son, may we shine forth inwardly : may the gloom of sins be cleared away, and the light of perpetual faith abide with us. We ask it for Jesus' sake.  
*Amen.*

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JULY 17.

BRINGING into captivity every thought to the  
obedience of Christ. 2 COR. x. 5.

O WAY for all that live ! heal us by pain and loss,  
Fill all our years with toil, and bless us with thy rod,  
Thy bonds bring wider freedom ; climbing by thy cross  
Wins that brave height where looms the city of our  
God.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

O THOU most gracious Saviour of the world, re-  
deemed by thy precious blood, I flee unto thee in  
lowliness of mind, and with deepest affection of my  
heart. Because thou didst offer thyself as the price of  
my redemption, I too, O most loving Jesus, do offer my  
whole self unto thee. Vouchsafe in all things so to di-  
rect and govern me, that nothing which may befall me  
may separate me from thee ! *Amen.*

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JULY 18.

THE memory of the just is blessed.

PROV. x. 7.

SLEEP here in peace !  
This is the gate for thee to life immortal,  
This is the entrance to the pearly portal, —  
The pathway trod by saints and sages olden,  
Whose feet now walk Jerusalem the golden.  
Sleep here in peace !

J. E. RANKIN.

WE thank thee, O Lord, that, through faith in our merciful Saviour, we shall at length be brought, in thy paradise above, unto the haven where our souls would be ; that in our Father's house are many mansions, where thou hast prepared a place for us ; and that we shall be like unto thee, O Christ ; for we shall see thee as thou art. Unto thy Name be the glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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JULY 19.

BE ye therefore perfect, even as your Father  
which is in heaven is perfect.

MATT. v. 48.

SWEETEN my bitter-thoughted heart  
With charity like thine,  
Till self shall be the only spot  
On earth which does not shine.

Would that my soul might be a world  
Of golden ether bright,  
A heaven where other souls might float,  
Like all thy worlds, in light.

FABER.

WE pray thee, O Lord, be present to thy suppliants ;  
and amid the snares of a wicked world, protect our  
weakness with never-failing love : through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 20.

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UNTO you therefore which believe, he is precious.  
I PETER ii. 7.

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THOUGHTS of the Christ should rise at every turn,  
And hold us all day long ;  
Alone, or when in crowds, each heart should hear  
That blessed under-song.

C. M. N.

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GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, ever to rejoice in devotion to thee ; because our happiness is perpetual and full, if we are continually serving the author of all good : through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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JULY 21.

HOW great is his goodness, and how great is his  
beauty. ZECH. ix. 17.

ONE there is above all others —  
Oh ! how he loves !  
His is love beyond a brother's —  
Oh ! how he loves !  
Earthly friends may fail or leave us,  
One day soothe, the next day grieve us,  
But this friend will ne'er deceive us —  
Oh ! how he loves !

NEWTON.

O THOU merciful Saviour, how great was thy love,  
which drew thee from the bosom of the Father to  
suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. There-  
fore will we praise thy Name, O Lord, our strength, our  
refuge, our deliverer, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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JULY 22.

THOUGH he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. LAM. iii. 32.

I KNOW that Christ will never chide  
My sorrow, he hath wept and sighed ;  
I feel the pressure of his hand,  
I know that he doth understand.  
And thou, Lord, will be more to me,  
For that dear one who is with thee ;  
Thus thou wilt fill the vacant place  
In thy deep tenderness and grace.

E. H.

LORD JESUS, when I am in sorrow, thou, and thou alone, wilt comfort me ! Give me, O God, perfect submission to thy holy will, and unshaken trust in thy loving mercy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 23.

GOD loveth a cheerful giver.

2 COR. ix. 7.

GIVE ! as the morning that flows out of heaven ;  
Give ! as the waves when the channel is riven ;  
Give ! as the free air and sunshine is given ;  
Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give.

Not the waste drops of thy cup overflowing,  
Not the faint sparks of thy hearth ever glowing,  
Not a pale bud from the June roses blowing,  
Give ! as he gave thee, who gave thee to live.

HELP us, O Lord, ever to remember that of all the good gifts of life to us thou art the giver : and may we minister unto others, of our abundance or of our little, in the spirit of him who hath said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Grant this for Christ's sake ! *Amen.*

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JULY 24.

MY soul, wait thou only upon God ; for my expectation is from him. PSALM lxii. 5.

THERE needs no higher, as no lower thought,  
Than simply this, by God's own spirit taught,  
"May Jesus every day in all things be  
Well pleased in me !"

So shall thy raiment keep its spotless white,  
Through all the darkest struggles of the night ;  
So shall it always be thy sweet reward  
To please the Lord ! A. S. K.

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, on us thy suppliants, and enlighten with thy healing goodness the secrets of our hearts ; that no dark desires may have possession of those whom the light of heavenly grace has renewed : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 25.

HE that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.  
MATT. x. 39.

TEACH us, master, how to give  
All we have and are to thee ;  
Grant us, Saviour, while we live,  
Wholly, only thine to be.  
Henceforth be our calling high  
Thee to serve and glorify ;  
Ours no longer, but thine own,  
Thine forever, thine alone.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

GRANT, O merciful God, that without delay we may  
be obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ  
and follow him ; that, forsaking all worldly and carnal  
affections, we may be evermore ready to follow thy holy  
commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 26.

THOUGH the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, . . . thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it. ISAIAH xxx. 20, 21.

OH, sacred sorrow ! by whom souls are tried,  
Sent not to punish mortals, but to guide ;  
If thou art mine (and who shall proudly dare  
To tell his maker, he has had a share !),  
Still let me feel for what thy pangs are sent,  
And be my guide, and not my punishment.

G. CRABBE.

LORD, we would accept our trials simply from thy fatherly hands ; entirely resigning ourselves to thy blessed will, in all the sorrows that encompass our pilgrimage. Be thou our guide and our redeemer, O holy Jesus. *Amen.*

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JULY 27.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

PSALM cxlv. 18.

WHY therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,  
Or others, that we are not always strong,  
That we are ever overborne with care,

That we should ever weak or heartless be,  
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with thee.

TRENCH.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 28.

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TURN you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope : even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee. ZECH. ix. 12.

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THY knowledge of us makes thy pity most deep :  
Our knowledge of thee bids us trust while we weep :  
For it is when we weep we are often most still :  
They who mourn most, keep often most close to thy will.  
FABER.

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MERCIFUL Lord, the comforter of all thy faithful people, confirm, we pray thee, the hearts of those who hope in thee, by enabling them to understand the depth of thy promises : that we may all behold with the eye of faith the light which as yet thou dost not openly manifest ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 29.

THEY shall abundantly utter the memory of thy  
great goodness, and shall sing of thy right-  
eousness. PSALM cxlv. 7.

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices :  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.

M. RINKART, 1644.

THOU art almighty, all-wise, all-good, O Lord. We  
would believe in thee and love thee in deed and in  
truth, forever. Thou art all truth, and all goodness. We  
would praise and magnify thee, through Jesus, world  
without end. *Amen.*

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JULY 30.

HEREIN is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. I JOHN iv. 10.

I LOVE my God, but with no love of mine,  
For I have none to give ;  
I love thee Lord, but all the love is thine,  
For by thy life I live :  
I am as nothing, and rejoice to be  
Emptied, and lost, and swallowed up in thee.  
MADAME GUYON.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee ; mercifully accept our prayers : and because we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that we may please thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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JULY 31.

FOR who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow ?  
ECCLES. vi. 12.

WITHIN the cycle of a day  
How many memories press ;  
From God commissioned in their way  
To chasten or to bless ;  
And each has been, or yet may be,  
A sorrow or a joy to me.

W. R. C.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, may all that is transitory be worthless in our eyes, because of thee and all that is thine, dear and precious, and thou our God more than all : thus shall we day by day glorify thee, in prosperity and adversity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 1.

THEY that know thy name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. PSALM ix. 10.

MY Saviour, 'mid life's varied scene  
Be thou my stay ;  
Guide me, through each perplexing path,  
To perfect day.  
In weakness and in sin I stand ;  
Still faith shall clasp thy mighty hand,  
And follow at thy dear command.

GODWIN.

LORD, what is my confidence which I have in this life ? Is it not thou, O Lord my God, whose mercies are without number ? In thee, therefore, O God, I place my whole hope and refuge, for thou art my hope, my confidence, and my all : for my Redeemer's sake.  
*Amen.*

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## AUGUST 2.

YE shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall  
search for me with all your heart.

JER. xxix. 13.

GOD only is the creature's home,  
Though rough and straight the road ;  
Yet nothing less can satisfy  
The love that longs for God.

How little of that road, my soul !  
How little hast thou gone !  
Take heart, and let the thought of God  
Allure thee farther on.

FABER.

SHOW the light of thy countenance upon us, O Lord,  
and grant that while our desire is set on thy com-  
mandments, we may receive with open heart the spirit  
of wisdom and understanding. We ask it for Christ's  
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AUGUST 3.

WHOSOEVER drinketh of the water that I  
shall give him, shall never thirst.

JOHN iv. 14.

OH ! Christ, he is the fountain,  
The deep sweet well of love !  
The streams on earth I 've tasted,  
More deep I 'll drink above ;  
There to an ocean fulness,  
His mercy doth expand,  
And glory — glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land.

O GOD, with whom is the well of life, and in whose  
light we see light ; impart to our thirsting souls  
the draught of life, and restore to our darkened minds  
the light from heaven. We ask it for Jesus Christ's  
sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 4.

LET your light so shine before men, that they  
may see your good works, and glorify your  
Father which is in heaven. MATT. v. 16.

STARS are of mighty use ; the night  
Is dark and long ;  
The road foul ; and where one goes right  
Six may go wrong.  
One twinkling ray,  
Shot o'er some cloud,  
May clear much way  
And guide a crowd.

HENRY VAUGHN.

O JESUS ! light of the world, the way, the truth, and  
the life, lighten my eyes, and lead me in the way of  
thy commandments, for therein is my desire ; and help  
me ever to lead some brother's heart to thee, thou ever-  
lasting light ! and to thee be the glory. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 5.

HE leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul ; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

PSALM xxiii. 2, 3.

OFT in a waste and desert land,  
He leads to wayside brooks at hand,  
Whose living waters, as they flow,  
Make ceaseless music, glad and low ;  
And in their cool, restoring rest,  
My soul is comforted and blest.

M. K. A. S.

LOOK down from heaven, O Christ, on thy flock and lambs, and bless their bodies and souls. Grant those who have received thy sign, O Christ, on their foreheads, to be thine own in the day of judgment. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 6.

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LET not all the trouble seem little before thee,  
that hath come upon us. NEH. ix. 32.

For we have not a high-priest which cannot be  
touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

HEB. iv. 15.

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THE little worries which we meet each day  
May lie as stumbling blocks across our way,  
Or we may make them stepping-stones to be  
Of grace, O Christ, to thee.

A. E. HAMILTON.

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O GOD, who hast forbidden us to be anxious about  
the things of this life ; grant, we beseech thee, that  
we may devotedly follow after what belongeth to thee,  
and that all things salutary may be granted to us ;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 7.

THE Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ; he  
shall preserve thy soul. PSALM cxxi. 7.

FATHER ! beneath thy sheltering wing  
In sweet security we rest,  
And fear no evil earth can bring,  
In life, in death, supremely blest.

And good it is to bear the cross,  
And so thy perfect peace to win :  
And naught is ill, nor brings us loss,  
Nor works us harm save only sin.

W. H. BURLEIGH.

OUR Father in heaven, grant, we beseech thee, unto  
us, in this transitory life, all things necessary to the  
health of our bodies and our souls, and that this life  
ended we may live with thee in joy everlasting, for the  
sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 8.

IN the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy  
comforts delight my soul.

PSALM xciv. 19.

I long to praise thee more, and yet  
This is no care to me,  
If thou shalt fill my mouth with songs,  
Then I will sing to thee ;  
And if my silence praise thee best,  
Then silent I will be.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

THOU knowest, O Lord, what most I require : help  
me, O God, and out of the treasure of thy goodness,  
succor thou my needy soul. Behold, I am thy servant, O  
God ! give me understanding and kindle my affections  
that I may know and do thy will. I ask it for Christ's  
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AUGUST 9.

THE Lord is the portion of my inheritance and  
of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The  
lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I  
have a goodly heritage. PSALM xvi. 5, 6.

O EARTH! thou art too beautiful,  
And thou, dear home! thou art too sweet,  
The winning ways of flesh and blood  
Too smooth for sinner's pilgrim feet.

The woods and flowers, and running streams,  
The sunshine of the common skies,  
The round of household peace, what heart  
But owns the might of these dear ties?

F. W. FABER.

SHOW me, O merciful Lord, the nothingness of earthly  
things, that I may know their vanity, and use them  
only for thy glory, and my own salvation, looking ever  
beyond them to thee and thy eternal great reward. I  
ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 10.

FOR we are laborers together with God.  
I COR. iii. 9.

AND all is thine : the seed we sow,  
The hand that sows it, and the faith  
That clings to what thy mercy saith,  
And trusts where now it may not know.

So here I cast upon thy heart  
The souls I long to see thee save :  
Thy mercy, Lord, for them I crave,  
Saviour of sinners while thou art. L.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, let the strong crying of those  
who labor with thee ascend to the ears of thy lov-  
ing-kindness ; look mercifully, O good shepherd, on thy  
flock ; and suffer not the sheep which thou hast re-  
deemed with precious blood to be torn in pieces by the  
assault of the devil. *Amen.*

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AUGUST II.

I WOULD have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

ROM. xvi. 19.

THEY who have kept their spirit's virgin whiteness  
Undimmed by folly, and unstained by sin,  
And made their foreheads radiant with the brightness  
Of the pure truth whose temple is within,  
They shall see God.

FROM coldness to thy merits and death, from error  
and misunderstanding, from the unhappy desire of  
becoming great, from self-complacency, from untimely  
projects, from needless perplexity, from the influence of  
the spirit of this world, from all sin, preserve us, gra-  
cious Lord! *Amen.*

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AUGUST 12.

I WILL sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I  
will sing praise to my God while I have my  
being. PSALM civ. 33.

O STRONG to save and bless,  
My rock and righteousness !  
Draw near to me :  
Blessing and joy and might,  
Wisdom and love and light,  
Are all with thee.

H. BONAR.

O CHRIST, the Word of the Most High Father, who  
wast made flesh to dwell among us : enter into our  
hearts, that all we who have been redeemed by the mys-  
tery of thine incarnation, may remain united in the fel-  
lowship of perpetual peace. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 13.

HE staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief ; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God ; and being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

ROM. iv. 20, 21.

God's justice is a bed, where we  
Our anxious hearts may lay,  
And, weary with ourselves, may sleep  
Our discontent away.

For right is right, since God is God ;  
And right the day must win ;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin.

FABER.

O HOLY SPIRIT, enlighten my mind that I may perceive and embrace all the mysteries of the deep things of God ; that in the end I may be meet in thy light clearly to see the eternal light, and may come unto a perfect knowledge of thee, and of the Father, and of the Son. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 14.

THE God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. I PETER v. 10.

My soul were dark  
But for the golden light and rainbow hue  
That, sweeping heaven with their triumphal arc,  
Break on the view.

Enough to feel  
That God indeed is good ! enough to know  
Without the gloomy clouds he could reveal  
No beauteous bow.

REV. WM. CROSWELL.

THY promises, O Lord, are very precious unto us.  
Make us to trust thee whatsoever troubles may oppress us, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 15.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom  
shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my  
life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?

PSALM xxvii. 1.

A TEMPER sweet, a smiling face,  
Hands not much soiled by shame and sin,  
How much is due to sunny days,  
How much to light and strength within.

Should sorrow pierce me through and through,  
Should riches flee on sudden wings,  
Would heart and smile keep warm and true,  
With joy from still untroubled springs ?

W. M. L. JAY.

IN all time of our prosperity ; in all time of our tribulation ; good Lord deliver us ! for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 16.

FOR I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

JOHN vi. 38.

I spent long years for thee,  
In weariness and woe,  
That one eternity  
Of joy thou mightest know ;  
I spent long years for thee ;  
Hast thou spent one for me ?

FROM THE GERMAN.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification : grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 17.

THE secret of the Lord is with them that fear him ; and he will show them his covenant.

PSALM xxv. 14.

THOU knowest, Lord, the hidden cross  
None else may see ;  
For thou appointest every grief  
That chastens me !  
And I may plead with thee, my God,  
For patient strength,  
That this thy discipline of love  
Bear fruit at length.

A. S. K.

PROTECT, O Lord, thy suppliants, support their weakness, and wash away their earthly stains ; and while they walk amid the darkness of this mortal life, do thou ever quicken them by thy light ; deliver them in thy mercy from all evils, and grant them to attain the height of good : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 18.

HEAR, O my son, and receive my sayings ; and  
the years of thy life shall be many.

PROV. iv. 10.

MAY he who giveth gifts indeed,  
Whose servant, soldier, child, you are,  
Give faith and strength for every need,  
For every day some work of love,  
For every year some growth in grace,  
Till in the glorious courts above,  
You meet the sunshine of his face.

W. M. L. JAY.

HEAVENLY Father have mercy upon us. Keep us  
continually under thy protection, and direct us ac-  
cording to thy gracious favor in the way of everlasting  
salvation : assist us with thy heavenly help that we may  
ever diligently serve thee, and by no temptations be sep-  
arated from thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 19.

BE thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee  
a crown of life. REV. ii. 10.

WHEN faith and love, which parted from thee never,  
Had ripened thy just soul to dwell with God,  
Meekly thou didst resign this earthly load  
Of death, called life ; which us from life doth sever.  
Thy works, and alms, and all thy good endeavor,  
Stayed not behind, nor in thy grave were trod ;  
But, as faith pointed with her golden rod,  
Followed thee up to joy and bliss forever.

MILTON.

O SAVIOUR of love and peace, who didst pour out  
thy blood for our redemption : bestow upon us thy  
mercy, that when thou shalt command us to depart out  
of this body, the enemy may have no power over us, but  
that angels may bear us to that home where light and  
life reigns, world without end. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 20.

THOU, Lord, hast made me glad through thy  
works. PSALM xcii. 4.

GIVE true hearts but earth and sky,  
And some flowers to bloom and die, —  
Homely scenes and simple views  
Lowly thoughts may best infuse.  
Every leaf in every nook,  
Every wave in every brook,  
Chanting with a solemn voice,  
Minds us of our better choice.

KEBLE.

BE present, O Lord, to thy suppliants, and graciously  
protect those who place their whole trust in thy  
mercy : that, being cleansed from sin, they may continue  
in holy living, and enjoying with gratitude thy temporal  
blessings, they may at last attain the inheritance of the  
saints in light. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 21.

THOU wilt show me the path of life : in thy presence is fulness of joy ; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM xvi. II.

As the deep blue of heaven brightens into stars,  
So God's great love shines forth in promises,  
Which, falling softly through our prison-bars,  
Daze not our eyes, but with their soft light bless.  
Ladders of light God sets against the skies,  
Upon whose golden rungs we step by step arise,  
Until we tread the halls of paradise.

ECCE AGNUS DEI.

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the Saviour and guardian of those that love thee, increase in us grace, mercy, and peace, that having by thy favor been carried through a happy life, we may at last attain to the height of heavenly joys, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 22.

IS it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold,  
and see if there be any sorrow like unto my  
sorrow, which is done unto me. LAM. i. 12.

CHRIST's sighs  
Are borne to us across the sea of years ;  
Christ's eyes  
We see still filled for us with human tears,  
Yet from this vision of the Christ, we part  
Unmelted and unmoved ;  
Piercing his tender heart  
Which hath so loved,  
With one more dart.

A. E. HAMILTON.

O LORD JESUS, make us to mourn both for thee  
and for ourselves : for thy sufferings, and for our  
sins which caused them, and make this sorrow move us  
to a repentance not to be repented of. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 23.

THOU drewest near in the day that I called  
upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not.

LAM. iii. 57.

THEN come what may, we'll humbly wait,  
His arm was never bared too late ;  
The promise will not, cannot fail,  
Though dark the night, the morn will break :  
His own the Lord will not forsake :  
The prayer of faith shall yet prevail,  
And we shall deem the trial sweet  
That laid us waiting at his feet.

A. F. GARDINER.

O GOD, who hast willed that the gate of mercy should  
stand open to the faithful : look on us, and have  
mercy upon us, that we who by thy grace are following  
the path of thy will, may never turn aside from the ways  
of life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 24.

JESUS answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.  
JOHN i. 50.

THE child-like faith, that asks not sight,  
Waits not for wonder or for sign,  
Believes, because it loves, aright,  
Shall see things greater, things divine.

Heaven to that gaze shall open wide,  
And brightest angels to and fro,  
On messages of love shall glide,  
'Twixt God above, and Christ below.

KEBLE.

O HOLY SPIRIT, possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in thee, to a holy love of thee, my God, that with my whole soul I may seek thee, and find thee my best, my truest joy. I ask it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 25.

I WOULD have you without carefulness.  
I COR. vii. 32.

No anxious thought upon my brow  
The watching world should see,  
No carefulness, oh, child of God  
For *nothing* careful be ;  
But cast thou *all* thy care on him  
Who always cares for thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

MERCIFULLY regard, O Lord, the prayers of thy family, and while they submit themselves to thee with their whole heart, do thou prosper, support, encompass them ; that relying on thee as their guide, they may be entangled in no evils, but be replenished with all good : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 26.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from  
whence cometh my help. My help cometh from  
the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

PSALM cxxi. 1, 2.

BLEST is the faith divine and strong,  
Of thanks and praise an endless fountain,  
Whose life is one perpetual song,  
High up the Saviour's holy mountain.

Blest is the hope that holds to God  
In doubt and darkness still unshaken,  
And sings along the heavenly road,  
Sweetest when most it seems forsaken.

FABER.

WE beseech thee, O Christ, continually to strengthen  
us by a sincere faith in thee, and grant that we may  
not lay the foundations of our faith on the sand where  
the whirlwind may overthrow them, but be established  
on the rock which is steadfast in thee. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 27.

SOW to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy ; break up your fallow ground : for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. HOSEA x. 12.

THE lines are sorrow, pain, and loss,  
Blotted and black they run across  
My life : yet read I in between,  
“ Before the harvest e’er is seen,  
God sendeth showers of heavy rain  
To wash the ways out, soak the earth,  
That flowers and fruit may come to birth,  
And valleys laugh with grain ! ”

W. M. L. JAY.

GRANT, O merciful Saviour, that while I follow thee along this way of sorrow, my heart may be so touched with true contrition, that I may be willing to accept cheerfully for thy sake, all the suffering and humiliations of this my pilgrimage on earth : for Christ’s sake. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 28.

THERE shall no evil befall thee ; for he shall  
give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee  
in all thy ways. PSALM xci. 10, 11.

GOD shall charge his angel legions  
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep :  
Though thou walk through hostile regions,  
Though in desert wilds thou sleep.

Since with pure and firm affection,  
Thou on God hast set thy love,  
With the wings of his protection,  
He will shield thee from above.

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

O GOD, who vouchsafest to send thy holy angels to  
have a charge over us : grant that we, thy humble  
servants, may both be evermore defended by their pro-  
tection, and also rejoice in their eternal companionship  
hereafter, with thee, O Christ, the king of glory, for  
whose sake we offer up our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

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## AUGUST 29.

WHEN he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth  
before them, and the sheep follow him: for  
they know his voice. JOHN x. 4.

WHAT though the path be up-hill, bare and lone,  
Drear to the eye, and rough to weary feet?  
What though it wind o'er heights, through depths un-  
known,  
Where shadows gather, and where storm-waves beat?  
Our shepherd leads the way,  
As well by night as day,  
And when he leads, we cannot go astray.  
W. M. L. JAY.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, guide us by thy divine  
grace into the path of thy holy will, that we may be  
accounted worthy to hear thy voice, and to follow thee,  
the only mighty and true shepherd, and to obtain the  
place prepared in thy heavenly kingdom: through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 30.

I WILL strengthen them in the Lord ; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord.  
ZECH. x. 12.

STRONG Son of God, immortal love,  
Whom we that have not seen thy face,  
By faith, and faith alone embrace,  
Believing, where we cannot prove !

Thou seemest human and divine,  
The highest, holiest manhood thou :  
Our wills are ours, we know not how ;  
Our wills are ours, to make them thine.

TENNYSON.

O GOD, who bestowest thy mercy at all times on them that love thee, and in no place art distant from those that serve thee ; direct the way of us thy servants in thy will, that having thee for our protector and guide, we may walk without stumbling in the paths of righteousness : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AUGUST 31.

THE Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust ; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. PSALM xviii. 2.

WHAT though my sinfulness be great,  
Redeeming love is greater :  
What though all hell should lie in wait,  
Supreme is my Creator :  
And he my rock and fortress is,  
And when most helpless, most I 'm his,  
My strength and my Redeemer.

MARTIN LUTHER, 1524.

GRANT us, O Lord, to enter on the service of our Christian warfare, ever fortified by thee, that as we are to fight against spiritual foes, thou, O Captain of our salvation, will evermore help and defend us, for thine own sake, O Jesus ! world without end. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER I.

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SO teach us to number our days, that we may  
apply our hearts unto wisdom.

PSALM xc. 12.

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HAVE I laid by from summer hours  
Ripe fruits as well as leaves and flowers?  
Hath my past year a growth to harden,  
As well as fewer sins to pardon?  
Is God in all things more and more  
A king within me than before?  
I know not, yet one change hath come, —  
The world feels less and less a home.

FABER.

—◆—  
GRANT unto us, O Lord, to pass the residue of our  
days on earth, in fulness of peace and holiness,  
without sin and stumbling. For it is thine to pity and  
to save, O Christ our God. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 2.

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FOR ye are all the children of God by faith in  
Christ Jesus. GAL. iii. 26.

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THE stars have a differing brightness,  
Yet all upon each do shine ;  
All share in the wide resplendence,  
None thinketh of " thine " or " mine."  
All know that the source of their glory,  
O Sun of the kingdom, is thine !

W. M. L. JAY.

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FROM all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory,  
and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred and malice, and  
all uncharitableness: good Lord deliver us. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 3.

YET the Lord will command his loving kindness  
in the day-time, and in the night his song shall  
be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my  
life.

PSALM xlii. 8.

WHEN dancing sunbeams 'round me shine,  
And peace and happiness embrace,  
I know the glory is not mine,  
But just the brightness of thy face !

When darkness gathers 'round my path,  
And all my song-birds cease to sing,  
I know it is not sent in wrath,  
'T is but the shadow of thy wing !

W. M. L. JAY.

THINE is the day, O Lord, and thine is the night :  
grant that the sun of righteousness may abide in  
our hearts, to drive away all the darkness of sin or of  
sorrow, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 4.

GIVE us this day our daily bread.

MATT. vi. 11.

I THINK not of to-morrow,  
Its trial, or its task,  
But still with childlike spirit  
For present mercies ask.  
With each returning morning,  
I cast old things away :  
Life's journey lies before me :  
My prayer is for to-day.

SINCE it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service in a sober, righteous, and godly life, that as we grow in age we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 5.

FOR I have satiated the weary soul, and I have  
replenished every sorrowful soul.

JER. xxxi. 25.

LORD, dwell within my heart, and fill  
Its emptiness ;  
Set thou its hope above the reach  
Of earthliness ;  
Baptize its love, through suffering,  
Into thine own,  
And work in me a faith that rests  
On Christ alone.

A. S. K.

I BELIEVE, O my God and Father : do thou help  
mine unbelief ; and every day more and more increase  
my faith, till itself shall be done away, and turned into  
the most perfect vision of thee : for Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 6.

WAIT on the Lord : be of good courage, and he  
shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on  
the Lord. PSALM xxvii. 14.

BREAK through the brambles and briers that obstruct  
thee ;

Dread not the gloom and the blackness of night :  
Lean on the hand that will safely conduct thee ;  
Trust to his eye to whom darkness is light.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that they who lean  
only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may ever-  
more be defended by thy mighty power, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 7.

THE blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us  
from all sin.

I JOHN i. 7.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again  
to the Lord.

LAM. iii. 40.

No mortal lives, with record black as mine,  
Who ne'er has done aught worthy praise divine,  
Save this, that my sole trust I've placed in thee;  
My hope alone is in thy pardon free;  
No treasure bring I thee this trust besides.  
O God! leave not the soul that thus confides.

FROM THE PERSIAN. SAADI, 13TH CENTURY.

O LORD, take my heart, for I cannot give it, and  
when thou hast it, oh, keep it, for I cannot keep it  
for thee, and save me in spite of myself, for Jesus  
Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 8.

BUT Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me : for of such is the kingdom of heaven. ♦ MATT. xix. 14.

THEN be it as my Father wills,  
I will not weep for thee ;  
Thou livest, joy thy spirit fills,  
Pure sunshine thou dost see,  
The sunshine of eternal rest ;  
Abide, my child, where thou art blest,  
I with our friends will onward fare,  
And, when God wills, shall find thee there.  
PAUL GERHARDT, 1650.

O MOST loving Jesus, who dost bid us even now to suffer little children to come unto thee, and to forbid them not, give us grace ourselves so to live, that at length they may be ours again, in the kingdom of heaven. We ask it for thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 9.

FOR here have we no continuing city, but we  
seek one to come. HEB. xiii. 14.

YEARS pass away, new crosses come ;  
Past sorrow is a sort of home, —  
An exile's home, and only lent  
For needful rest in banishment.  
It narrows life and walls it in,  
And shuts the door on many a sin ;  
'T is almost like a calm fireside,  
Where humble hearts are fain to bide.

FABER.

O GOD of mercy, be present to thy servants who  
everywhere confide in thee : and through all the  
way they have to go, be thou their guide and companion.  
May all things turn out happily and prosperously for  
them, in time and in eternity. We ask it for Christ's  
sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 10.

THEY that had gotten the victory . . . . stand  
on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.  
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of  
God, and the song of the Lamb.

REV. xv. 2, 3.

LET me with my heart to-day,  
Holy, holy, holy, singing,  
Rapt awhile from earth away,  
All my soul to thee upspringing,  
Have a foretaste inly given  
How they worship thee in heaven.

B. SCHMOLCK, 1731.

THEREFORE with angels and archangels, and with  
all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy  
glorious name ; evermore praising thee, and saying,  
holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth  
are full of thy glory ! Glory be to thee, O Lord ! *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 11.

IN your patience possess ye your souls.

LUKE xxi. 19.

GOD doth not need  
Either man's work, or his own gifts : who best  
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state  
Is kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed,  
And post o'er land and ocean without rest :  
They also serve who only stand and wait.

MILTON.

STRENGTHEN us, O Jesus, with patient submission  
to thy holy will, that when we are bidden to "only  
stand and wait," we may believe that thou canst make  
our infirmities even to glorify thy holy Name, who ever  
livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 12.

GOD is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

I JOHN iv. 16.

WITH all thy heart, with all thy soul and mind,  
Thou must him love, and his behests embrace ;  
All other loves with which the world doth blind,  
Make fancies and stir up affections base,  
Thou must renounce and utterly displace,  
And give thyself unto him full and free  
That full and freely gave himself to thee.

SPENSER.

GRANT me, I beseech thee, Almighty God, fervently to desire, wisely to search out, and perfectly to fulfil, all that is well-pleasing unto thee. We ask it for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 13.

NEITHER will I offer burnt-offerings unto the  
Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.  
2 SAM. xxiv. 24.

THE spirit of self-sacrifice  
Stays not to count its price.  
Christ did not of his mere abundance cast  
Into the empty treasury of man's store ;  
The first and last  
Gave until even he could give no more —  
His very living.  
Such was Christ's giving.

E. H.

HELP me, O God, to forget all the world, to give up  
all the world for thee, O dearest Saviour. Keep  
me, hold me up forever, O Lord God of my salvation !  
I ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 14.

THE fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. GAL. v. 22, 23.

THY home is with the humble, Lord !  
The simple are thy rest ;  
Thy lodging is in childlike hearts ;  
Thou makest there thy nest.

Dear Comforter ! eternal love !  
If thou wilt stay with me,  
Of lowly thoughts and simple ways  
I 'll build a nest for thee.

FABER.

GRANT me, I beseech thee, O Lord, fervently to desire, and perfectly to fulfil all that is well-pleasing unto thee. May all that is thine be dear and precious unto me, and thou, my God, more than all : in life and death may I glorify thee, for thy sake, O Jesus. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 15.

THE Lord watch between me and thee.  
GEN. xxxi. 49.

OUR sweet and holy union  
Knows neither time nor place :  
The love that God hath planted  
Is lasting as his grace :  
We tread one path to glory,  
Are guided by one hand,  
And led by faith and patience  
Unto one father-land.

HYMNS FROM THE LAND OF LUTHER.

IT is thine, O blessed Spirit, to lead us in the ways of life. Hold up our goings in this evil world. Where thou art, there is pleasantness and safe guidance. Lead us on, therefore, thou steadfast light, from stage to stage of life's journey, till we stand before God, in the life everlasting. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 16.

THE Lord is my portion, saith my soul ; there-  
fore will I hope in him. LAM. iii. 24.

AUTHOR of good, to thee we turn :  
Thine ever wakeful eye  
Alone can all our wants discern,  
Thy hand alone supply.

Oh, let thy love within us dwell,  
Thy fear our footsteps guide ;  
That love shall vainer loves expel,  
That fear all fears besides.

MERRICK.

MAKE us, we beseech thee, gracious Lord, obedient to  
thy commandments, for then shall all things go  
prosperously with us, if we follow the author of our  
whole life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 17.

IF thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. MATT. xix. 17.

SEEK counsel at no worldly wisdom's shrine,  
But try thy walk by God's high rule divine;  
Asking at every step his will to prove —  
Will Christ approve?

Put every thought of self and sin away,  
Forget thine own bright crown, and only pray  
That Christ, *thy all*, whatever else betide,  
Be glorified ! A. S. K.

ALMIGHTY GOD, order thou my worldly condition to the honor and glory of thy holy Name, and of all that thou givest me to do, grant me the knowledge, the desire, and the ability, that I may fulfil it as I ought, and thus ever live to thy honor and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 18.

WE are confident, I say, and willing rather to be  
absent from the body, and to be present with  
the Lord. 2 Cor. v. 8.

O FRIEND of souls ! how blest the time  
When in thy love I rest ;  
When from my weariness I climb  
E'en to thy tender breast !  
The night of sorrow endeth there,  
The rays outshine the sun,  
And in thy pardon and thy care  
The heaven of heavens is won.

W. C. DESSLER, 1692.

INSPIRE our hearts with gladness, thou who alone art  
the fountain of solid, pure, and permanent joy, and  
lead us by the paths of righteousness and grace, to the  
rest and the light of glory, for Jesus Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 19.

ORDER my steps in thy word.

PSALM cxix. 133.

SUM up at night, what thou hast done by day,  
And in the morning, what thou hast to do.  
If thou do ill, the joy fades, not the pains :  
If well ; the pain doth fade, the joy remains.  
G. HERBERT.

GIVE to us, O Lord, patient minds, pure hearts, and  
all other graces of thy spirit which thou knowest to  
be needful for us, that we may the better be enabled to  
serve thee in holiness and righteousness ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 20.

THE excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom  
giveth life to them that have it.  
ECCLES. vii. 12.

My soul appears, as I get old,  
More prompt in act, in prayer less cold.  
Crosses, from use, more lightly press ;  
Mirth is more purely weariness ;  
With less to quarrel with in life,  
I grow less patient with its strife ;  
I wish more simply, Lord, to be,  
Ailing or well, always with thee !

FABER.

KEEP me, Lord, now, and at all times. Never let me  
think, whatever age or station I attain, that I am  
strong enough to maintain the combat without thee.  
Nor ever let me imagine myself so weak, that thou canst  
not support me ! May I be in all things kept by thee,  
for my Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 21.

HE saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose,  
and followed him. MATT. ix. 9.

IF I find him, if I follow,  
What my guerdon here ?  
“ Many a conflict, many a labor,  
Many a tear.”  
Finding, following, keeping, struggling,  
Is he sure to bless ?  
“ Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
Answer *yes !*”

S. STEPHEN THE SABAITE, TRANS. BY NEALE.

O CHRIST, our Master, let our souls always desire  
thee, and seek thee, and find thee ! Be thou in all  
our thoughts, our words, our actions, that being sancti-  
fied by thee here, we may be glorified with thee hereaf-  
ter. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 22.

THERE shall be no night there.

REV. xxi. 25.

No night of woe, to fall between our eyes  
And gladsome summer skies !  
No night of sin, to grow and never cease  
Betwixt our hearts and peace !  
No night of death, to darken drearily  
Between our souls and thee !  
Ah ! through *these* nights, guide us,  
Dear Lord, we pray,  
Up to that nightless day !

W. M. L. JAY.

OETERNAL light, who dost excel and efface every  
other light, from the height of heaven do thou en-  
lighten me, purify my soul, shed into it thy divine bright-  
ness, that at length I may behold thee in thy heavenly  
kingdom, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 23.

HE hath delivered my soul in peace from the  
battle that was against me.

PSALM lv. 18.

I KNOW that heavenly *joy* is sweet,  
I know thy name is *love*,  
But, after life's long toil and heat,  
*Peace* most my soul doth move,  
Peace seems the word of words complete,  
Thy gift all gifts above.

W. M. L. JAY.

DRAW us, blessed Jesus, and we will run after thee  
in the path of life : may we follow thee, O Lamb of  
God, whithersoever thou goest, through affliction, perse-  
cution, even death itself ; that our portion may be for-  
ever with thee, in thy kingdom of peace and love.  
*Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 24.

THOUGH he slay me, yet will I trust in him.  
JOB xiii. 15.

ALL light is darkness, when I think  
Of what may be my fate ;  
Yet hearts will trust, and hope can teach  
Both faith and love to wait.

What can I do but trust thee, Lord !  
For thou art God alone ?  
My soul is safer in thy hands,  
Father, than in my own.

FABER.

LORD, abate thou my afflictions, or increase my patience ! But, Lord, I would repine not : I am dumb, O Lord, before thee, because thou doest it. I trust thee for my Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 25.

FOR he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.  
HEB. xi. 27.

YET not without a guide I wend  
My unseen way, by day, by night ;  
Close by my side there walks a Friend,  
Strong, tender, true, — I trust his sight :  
He sees my way, before, behind,  
Though I am blind.

W. M. L. JAY.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, to listen to our  
prayers, and to pour out upon us thy loving tender-  
ness, that we may be ever strengthened in the way by  
thy presence, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 26.

HEAVINESS in the heart of man maketh it  
stoop : but a good word maketh it glad.  
PROV. xii. 25.

IN our foolish blindness  
We despise  
The small power of kindness  
Which within us lies —  
The power of gentle lips  
And eyes.  
And yet, in loving human faces  
God's sunshine visits saddened places.

A. E. H.

GRANT, O Lord, that we who by the darkness of our  
sins are turned aside from brotherly love, may by  
thy light, shed forth in our souls, be filled with thine own  
sweetness, and embrace our friends in thee, in bonds of  
mutual affection, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 27.

FOR as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM ciii. 11, 12.

THERE 's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea :  
There 's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven ;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

FABER.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy forgiving love, turn away what we deserve for our sins, nor let our offences prevail before thee, but let thy mercy always rise up to overcome them ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 28.

REMEMBER the word unto thy servant, upon  
which thou hast caused me to hope.

PSALM cxix. 49.

FEAREST sometimes that thy Father  
Hath forgot?  
When the clouds around thee gather,  
Doubt him not.  
Always hath the daylight broken,  
Always hath he comfort spoken,  
Better hath he been for years  
Than thy fears.

HAST thou not told me, O Lord, that thou art my  
Father? Oh, then, silence my fears, and as thou  
hast given me the claim and title of a child, so give me  
the confidence of a child. I ask it for Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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SEPTEMBER 29.

ARE they not all ministering spirits, sent forth  
to minister for them who shall be heirs of sal-  
vation ?  
HEB. i. 14.

LOVINGLY they come to help us, when our faith is cold  
and weak,  
Guiding us along the pathway to the blessed home we  
seek :  
In our hearts we hear their voices, breathing sympathy  
and love,  
Echoes of the spirit-language, in the sinless world  
above.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and con-  
stituted the services of angels and men in a won-  
derful order ; mercifully grant, that as thy holy angels  
always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appoint-  
ment, they may succor and defend us on earth ; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## SEPTEMBER 30.

OUR heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

PSALM xxxiii. 21.

GIVE me, O Lord, whate'er my lot may be,  
A heart to look to, and to lean on thee :  
Teach me the thing that pleaseth thee to do,  
And make my life to my profession true.  
Let me, my Saviour, on thy breast recline ;  
Thy words my comfort, my devotion thine :  
My life's best joy thy promises to prove,  
Trust in thy truth, and triumph in thy love.

MONSELL.

MOST merciful Father, continue thy grace toward us ; apparel us thoroughly with Christ, that he may live in us, and so thy name be glorified in us, in the sight of all the world. We ask it for Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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## OCTOBER 1.

COMMIT thy way unto the Lord ; trust also in him : and he shall bring it to pass.

PSALM xxxvii. 5.

SINCE all the coming scenes of time  
God's watchful eye surveys,  
Oh who so wise to choose our lot,  
And regulate our ways ?

Since none can doubt his equal love,  
Immeasurably kind,  
To his unerring, gracious will,  
Be every wish resigned.

HERVEY.

USE me, O Lord, I beseech thee, as the instrument of thy glory ; and honor me so far as, either by doing or suffering what thou shalt appoint, to bring some revenue of praise to thee, and of benefit to the world in which I dwell. I ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 2.

HE shall drink of the brook in the way : there-  
fore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM cx. 7.

JESU, the heart's own sweetness, and true light,  
Thou art the secret fountain that o'erflows  
The weary soul, surpassing all delight,  
In whom each anxious longing finds repose.

He whom thy love makes glad as with new wine,  
He knows that knowledge which is from above ;  
Full blest is he ; that fulness is divine,  
And there is nothing else that he can love.

TRANS. BY BP. WILLIAMS.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, be thou near us to de-  
fend us, within us to refresh us, around us to pre-  
serve us, before us to guide us, behind us to justify us,  
and above us to bless us. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 3.

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THAT the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ : receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

I PETER i. 7, 9.

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A CHRISTLESS cross, no refuge here for me .  
A crossless Christ my Saviour might not be ;  
But, O Christ crucified ! I rest in thee.

A. E. H.

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THOU infinitely Holy One, do thou wash away my past sins in thy precious blood, and have mercy upon me now and at the hour of my death, for thy blessed sake.  
*Amen.*

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## OCTOBER 4.

IF therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body  
shall be full of light. MATT. vi. 22.

THE discord is within, which jars  
So sadly in life's song :  
'T is we, not they, who are in fault  
When others seem so wrong.

'T is we who weigh upon ourselves ;  
Self is the irksome weight :  
To those, who can see straight themselves,  
All things look always straight.

FABER.

KEEP, O God, through thy Holy Spirit, the thought of  
thyself ever present to me, that having the spirit of  
Christ, there shall be also kept within me love and  
meekness toward all men. I ask it for my Saviour's  
sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 5.

THE Lord shall command the blessing upon thee, in all that thou settest thine hand unto.  
DEUT. xxviii. 8.

O HAPPY house ! where man and wife in heart,  
In faith, and hope are one ;  
That neither life nor death can ever part,  
The holy union here begun :  
Where both are sharing one salvation,  
And live before thee, Lord, always,  
In gladness or in tribulation,  
In happy or in evil days.

SPITTA.

HEAR us, holy Father almighty, and be pleased to guard, protect, cherish, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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OCTOBER 6.

HE shall pray unto God, and he will be favorable  
unto him · and he shall see his face with joy.  
JOB xxxiii. 26.

EVERY prayer of humble faith,  
Up to God doth find its way ;  
But he many answers hath  
For his children when they pray.  
For his wisdom knoweth better  
Than their weakness what they need :  
To the spirit, not the letter,  
Of their prayer he giveth heed.

W. M. L. JAY.

STRETCH forth, O Lord, thy mercy over thy servants,  
even the right hand of heavenly help : that they may  
seek thee with their whole heart, and obtain what they  
rightly ask for : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 7.

THE Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you,  
and keep you from evil.

2 THESS. iii. 3.

As God leads I am content ;  
He will take care.  
All things by his will are sent  
That I must bear.  
To him I take my fear,  
My wishes while I'm here ;  
The way will all seem clear  
When I am there !

WAY SIDE HYMNS.

TEACH me to seek thee, O Lord, and show thyself to  
me in seeking thee, for I can neither seek thee un-  
less thou teachest me, nor find thee unless thou showest  
thyself ! I ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 8.

MY grace is sufficient for thee.

2 COR. xii. 9.

O PATIENT Christ ! let me but taste the joy  
Of sympathy with thee,  
Then must thy love transfigure with its light  
The darkest cross for me !  
For in thy fellowship all loss is gain,  
Though flesh and heart be riven.

A. S. K.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who dost correct those thou  
dost love, and chasten every one whom thou dost  
receive, send thy mercy upon us, that we may be so pa-  
tient under all the sorrows of life, that whensoever our  
souls shall depart from our bodies, they may be without  
spot presented unto thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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OCTOBER 9.

IF any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins.

I JOHN ii. 1, 2.

CHIEF of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me :  
All my wants to him are known,  
All my sorrows are his own ;  
Safe with him from earthly strife,  
He sustains the hidden life.

W. McCOMB.

HAVE mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father : for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past ; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 10.

DELIGHT thyself also in the Lord ; and he  
shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
PSALM xxxvii. 4.

WISER it were to welcome and make ours  
Whate'er of good, though small, the present brings ;  
Kind greetings, sunshine, song of birds and flowers,  
With a child's pure delight in little things ;  
And of the griefs unborn, to rest secure,  
Knowing that mercy ever will endure.

TRENCH.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, endue us plenteously  
with heavenly gifts : grant us in health and prosper-  
ity long to live, and after this life, to attain everlasting  
joy and felicity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER II.

REMEMBER me, O my God, for good.  
NEH. xiii. 31.

THE angels move at thy word  
Swifter than light of sun,  
And the patient soul works best  
When it prays, "Thy will be done."

It may be that never again  
I shall march with plough or sword,  
It may be — no matter, Amen !  
For thou knowest best, O Lord !  
W. M. L. JAY.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need ; look upon us with the eyes of thy mercy : comfort us with a sense of thy goodness : preserve us from the temptations of the enemy, and give us grace so to live, that we may at last dwell with thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 12.

BE watchful, and strengthen the things which remain. REV. iii. 2.

DESPISE not little sins :  
The gallant ship may sink,  
Though only drop by drop,  
The watery tide it drink.

TRENCH.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us ; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord : to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 13.

THE Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,  
and thy God thy glory. ISAIAH lx. 19.

BRIGHT sun of grace, thy sunshine dart  
On all who cry to thee apart,  
And fill with gladness every heart.

That we may live in holiness,  
And find in death our happiness,  
And dwell with thee in lasting bliss.

KING ROBERT OF FRANCE, A. D. 1000.

O LIFE-GIVING Master, and bestower of good things, who hast given unto men the blessed hope of everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us to be evermore guarded by thy power, and guided in the light of truth, and so continually to render unto thee all thy glory and thanksgiving. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 14.

PUT on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
EPH. vi. 11.

IN little things of common life,  
*There* lies the Christian's noblest strife,  
When he does conscience make  
Of every thought and throb within,  
And words and looks of self and sin  
Crushes for Jesus' sake.

MONSELL.

O LORD, our support and refuge, deliver us from temptation, give us the defence of thy salvation, hold us up with thy right hand, teach us by thy discipline, and make our way and our life undefiled. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 15.

THE Lord thinketh upon me.

PSALM xl. 17.

DOWN in earth's duskiest vales, where'er  
My pilgrimage may be,  
Thou, Lord, wilt be a ready home  
Always at hand for me.

Our souls go too much out of self  
Into ways dark and dim ;  
'T is rather God who seeks for us,  
Than we who seek for him.

FABER.

TO thee, O thou Holy Spirit, and by thine own power,  
do I look up, for the life of faith and hope, and for  
the increase of every spiritual blessing. Work thou  
within me for good, for without thee I am altogether  
evil. I ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 16.

FOR God so loved the world, that he gave his  
only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in  
him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
JOHN iii. 16.

DOLE not thy duties out to God,  
But let thy hand be free :  
Look long at Jesus ; his sweet blood,  
How was it dealt to thee ?

Be docile to thy unseen Guide,  
Love him as he loves thee ;  
Time and obedience are enough,  
And thou a saint shall be.

FABER.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy cross and  
precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help  
us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord ! *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 17.

FOR whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

HEB. xii. 6.

WHO strives to grow in grace from day to day,  
For thy sweet teachings watches still and waits,  
Would rather see his idols swept away  
Than blindly err, and do the sin he hates.

And trials that to deep heart-searchings lead,  
Which prove how vain his thoughts, how low his aims,  
These are the tokens of thy love indeed,  
Winning the soul to own thy righteous claims.

S. C. S.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 18.

HIMSELF took our infirmities and bare our  
sicknesses. MATT. viii. 17.

O SAVIOUR Christ, our woes dispel,  
For some are sick, and some are sad ;  
And some have never loved thee well,  
And some have lost the love they had.

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,  
For none are wholly free from sin :  
And they who fain would serve thee best  
Are conscious most of wrong within.

HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN.

ALMIGHTY God, may it please thee by the whole-  
some medicine of the doctrine of Christ, to heal all  
the diseases of our souls, through the merits of the same  
thy Son Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 19.

THE Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants ;  
and none of them that trust in him shall be  
desolate. PSALM xxxiv. 22.

FATHER, replenish with thy grace  
This longing heart of mine ;  
Make it thy quiet dwelling-place,  
Thy sacred, inmost shrine !  
Forgive that oft my spirit wears  
Her time and strength in trivial cares ;  
Enfold her in thy changeless peace,  
So she from all but thee may cease.

ANGELUS, 1657.

MAY thy servants, O Lord, who have been called by  
thy grace, be unceasingly protected by thy help :  
that they may never be plucked away from the power of  
thy kingdom ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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OCTOBER 20.

WHEN my father and my mother forsake me,  
then the Lord will take me up.

PSALM xxvii. 10.

Now as long as here I roam,  
On this earth have house and home,  
Shall this wondrous gleam from thee  
Shine through all my memory.  
Whom the Strongest doth defend,  
Whom the Highest counts his friend,  
Cannot perish in the end.

PAUL GERHARDT, 1650.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, whose paths  
are always mercy and truth, grant, we beseech thee,  
that we who are fostered by thy tenderness, may also  
grow up with an increase of piety, and at last be vouch-  
safed eternal rest with the righteous ; through Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 21.

NOW the God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. HEB. xiii. 20, 21.

O WAY through whom our souls draw near  
To yon eternal home of peace,  
Where perfect love shall cast out fear,  
And earth's vain toil and wandering cease,  
In strength or weakness may we see  
Our heavenward path, O Lord, through thee.  
HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, bring us, we pray thee, into the fellowship of heavenly joys : vouchsafe us an entrance into thy kingdom by the power of the Holy Ghost, that the lowly flock may reach that place, whither the mighty Shepherd hath gone before ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 22.

WALK worthy of God, who hath called you unto  
his kingdom and glory. I THESS. ii. 12.

TEACH me to do thy will !  
I cannot see my way ;  
I only pray thy gentle hand  
May lead me lest I stray.

Teach me to do thy will !  
To toil with patient love ;  
To win earth's weary-hearted ones  
Unto thy rest above.

HETTY BOWMAN.

GRACIOUS God, who daily loadeth us with benefits,  
make us thy true children : give us thy new name,  
and at last secure for us a place in thy heavenly man-  
sions. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 23.

YOUR Father knoweth that ye have need of  
these things. LUKE xii. 30.

O Lord, how happy should we be,  
If we could leave our cares to thee ;  
If we from self could rest :  
And feel at heart that One above,  
In perfect wisdom, perfect love  
Is working for the best.

HYMNS OF THE AGES.

LORD, increase our faith, and pardon our unbelief,  
and still renew thy mercies to us ; teaching us to  
live upon thy inexhaustible fulness for all things per-  
taining to this world, and that which is to come. We  
ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 24.

FEAR not, little flock ; for it is your Father's  
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.  
LUKE xii. 32.

O THOU pure light of souls that love,  
True joy of every human breast,  
Sower of life's immortal seed,  
Our Saviour and Redeemer blest !

Be thou our Guide, be thou our goal :  
Be thou our pathway to the skies ;  
Our joy when sorrow fills the soul ;  
In death our everlasting prize.

BREVIARY.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to look upon thy servants,  
whom thou hast enabled to put their trust in thee ;  
and grant them both to ask such things as shall please  
thee, and also to obtain what they ask ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 25.

TRUST in the Lord, and do good ; so shalt thou  
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.  
PSALM xxxvii. 3.

LORD, for thy rich salvation hear our prayer,  
And daily give us an abounding share ;  
And let our souls, in all their poverty,  
From deep-felt love be looking unto thee,  
Until life's end.

CHRISTIAN GREGOR.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to purify our consciences by  
thy daily visitation : that when thy Son our Lord  
cometh, he may find in us a mansion prepared for him-  
self ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 26.

HE that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. PROV. xv. 15.

BE merry, man, and take not sair to mind  
The wavering of this wretched world of sorrow :  
To God be humble, to thy friend be kind,  
And with thy neighbors gladly lend and borrow :  
His chance to-night, it may be thine to-morrow :  
Be blyth in hearte for any aventure,  
How oft with wise men it has been said aforow,  
Without gladness availes no treasure.

WM. DUNBAR, 1479.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, fill me with a lively faith, profound humility, pure affections, and universal charity : raise in my soul all that zeal and devotion, that joy and delight, which becometh thy children, and make me by my life to glorify thee, through Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 27.

BLESSED are they that have not seen, and yet  
have believed. JOHN xx. 29.

THOUGH vexing thoughts may seem to last,  
Let not thy soul be quite o'ercast ;  
Soon will He show thee all His wounds  
And say, " Long have I known thy name,  
Know thou my face alway."

KEBLE.

BE present, O Lord, to thy faithful people : and as  
thou dost in thy compassion vouchsafe them a hearty  
desire to pray, grant them, O most loving, the aid of thy  
comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 28.

THESE things I command you, that ye love one another.  
JOHN XV. 17.

HEAD of the church beneath,  
The catholic, the true,  
On all her members breathe,  
Her broken frame renew !  
Then shall thy perfect will be done,  
When Christians love and live as one.  
ROBERT ROBINSON, 1780.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone ; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 29.

MY presence shall go with thee, and I will give  
thee rest. EXODUS xxxiii. 14.

THY presence fills my mind with peace,  
Brightens the thoughts so dark ere while,  
Bids cares and sad forebodings cease,  
Makes all things smile.

In thee, my hiding-place divine,  
Be rest throughout life's journeyings given ;  
Then sweeter, holier rest be mine,  
With thee in heaven !

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT.

LET thy yoke become sweet, and thy burden lightsome  
to me through thy cross, O Jesus ! that I, following  
thee cheerfully, may come to the same place where thou  
art, that is, to thy blessed and immortal Father from  
whom nothing may ever separate us hereafter. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 30.

PRAY to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy  
Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward  
thee openly. MATT. vi. 6.

As down in the sunless retreats of the ocean  
Sweet flowers are springing no mortal can see,  
So deep in my soul the still prayer of devotion,  
Unheard by the world, rises silent, to thee,  
My God, silent, to thee, —  
Pure, warm, silent, to thee.

T. MOORE.

O GOD of hope, true light of faithful souls and perfect brightness of the blessed, grant that our hearts may ever render thee the offering of prayer, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OCTOBER 31.

BUT let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting  
on the breastplate of faith and love ; and for an  
helmet, the hope of salvation. I THESS. v. 8.

AUTUMN once more begins to teach ;  
Sere leaves their annual sermon preach ;  
And with the southward slipping sun  
Another stage of life is done.  
The day is of a paler hue,  
The night is of a darker blue, —  
Just as it was a year ago ;  
For time runs fast, but grace is slow !

FABER.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy clemency to show us  
thine unspeakable mercy : that thou mayest both  
set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punish-  
ments which we deserve ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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## NOVEMBER I.

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**BLESSED** are the dead which die in the Lord,  
from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they  
may rest from their labors ; and their works do fol-  
low them. REV. xiv. 13.

—◆—  
FROM earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host;  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Allelulia. Amen.

REV. W. W. HOW.

—◆—  
**O** ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine  
elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mys-  
tical body of thy Son Christ our Lord ; grant us grace  
so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly  
living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys,  
which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love  
thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 2.

AND God shall wipe away all tears from their  
eyes. REV. vii. 17.

IN Paradise, forever clear  
The stream of love is flowing :  
For every tear that I've shed here  
A pearl therein is glowing.

All hopes, all wishes, all the love  
I sighed for, pined for, ever,  
Shall bloom around me there above,  
And last with me forever !

RUCKERT, 1789.

WE bless thee, Almighty God, that thou hast overcome  
death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting  
life, through thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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## NOVEMBER 3.

ABLE to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height ; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. EPH. iii. 18, 19.

LOVE, lift me up upon thy golden wings  
From this base world unto thy heavenly height,  
Where I may see those admirable things  
Which there thou workest by thy sovereign might,  
Far above feeble reach of earthly sight ;  
That I thereof an heavenly hymn may sing  
Unto the God of love, high heaven's king.

SPENSER.

WE praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great love to us, O God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 4.

HE will be very gracious unto thee at the voice  
of thy cry ; when he shall hear it, he will an-  
swer thee. ISAIAH xxx. 19.

LET prayer  
Be to thee as the sunshine of thy soul,  
Falling upon thee with the early morn,  
Lightening it sweetly with the eventide :  
As sunrise and sunset  
Do gild the tops of mountains.

A. E. H.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers  
of thy humble servants ; and that they may obtain  
their petitions make them to ask such things as shall  
please thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 5.

THE lips of the righteous feed many : the tongue  
of the just is as choice silver.

PROV. x. 21, 20.

WHAT shall be our word for Jesus? Master, give it day  
by day ;  
Even as the need arises, teach thy children what to say.  
Give us holy love and patience : grant us deep humility,  
That of self we may be emptied, and our hearts be full  
of thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

O LORD, open thou our lips : and our mouth shall  
show forth thy praise. We ask it for Christ's sake.  
*Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 6.

FOR he is our peace.

EPH. ii. 14.

How beautiful within our souls to keep  
This treasure the All Merciful hath given ;  
To feel, when we awake, and when we sleep,  
Its incense 'round us like a breeze from heaven.  
Quiet at hearth and home,  
Where the heart's joys begin ;  
Quiet where'er we roam,  
Quiet around, within.

HYMNS OF THE AGES.

O LORD, let thy mercy be upon us as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee I have trusted ; let me never be confounded. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 7.

WHEREFORE, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.  
I PETER iv. 19.

NONE shall measure out thy patience  
By the span of human thought ;  
None shall bound the tender mercies  
Which thy holy Son hath wrought.

Pardon all my past transgressions ;  
Give me strength for days to come ;  
Guide and guard me with thy blessing  
Till thine angels bid me home.

THOMAS PARK, 1797.

HOW may I bear the misery of this life, O Lord, except thy grace and mercy do comfort me ! Hear me for my Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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## NOVEMBER 8.

ACCEPTED in the beloved : in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.  
EPH. i. 6, 7.

No human sin so black or deep,  
But thou didst full atonement make ;  
No soul can so with terror quake,  
But at thy cross its fears may sleep.

So at its foot I lay me low,  
And tell thy sufferings o'er and o'er,  
And feel hope quicken more and more,  
And, till thou bless me, *will* not go !

ONLY thy worthiness do we plead, O merciful Jesus : thou lovest to the uttermost : clothed in thy spotless righteousness we may at last behold the King in his beauty. All praise be to thee, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## NOVEMBER 9.

SO shall we ever be with the Lord.

I THESS. iv. 17.

So, while the seas of dark o'er roll  
The weary world, and dim my sight,  
Let thy sweet presence, light of light,  
With tender glory flood my soul.

Till all this earth-dark rolls away,  
And on my raptured, dazzled eyes  
Breaks forth, along the fair new skies,  
The splendor of thy perfect day !

W. M. L. JAY.

LET thy perpetual mercy, O Lord, be upon us, that while we are placed among the storms of this world, we may both be refreshed with present gladness, and behold the brightness of eternal bliss, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 10.

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CAUSE me to know the way wherein I should  
walk ; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

PSALM cxliii. 8.

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JESUS, cast a look on me ;  
Give me sweet simplicity ;  
Make me poor, and keep me low,  
Seeking only thee to know.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled,  
Seeing only in thy light,  
Walking only in thy might.

JOHN BERRIDGE, 1785.

—◆—  
GRANT, Lord, to us thy humble servants, that by thy  
inspiration we may think those things that are good  
and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same ;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## NOVEMBER II.

WHEREFORE, comfort one another with these  
words. I THESS. iv. 18.

GOD calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly  
What he hath given ;  
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly  
As in his heaven.

WHITTIER.

MAKE us, O Lord, so to live, that we may at last hear  
thy gracious voice saying unto us, come ye blessed  
children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for  
you from the beginning of the world. We ask it for  
thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 12.

WHEREFORE gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

I PETER i. 13.

YEA, come, dear Lord, at morning, noon, or night,  
In grief's stern shadow, or in joy's glad light ;  
Come when thou wilt, my confidence is strong,  
Thou wilt not come too soon, nor wait too long.

W. M. L. JAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 13.

CAST not away therefore your confidence, which  
hath great recompense of reward.

HEB. x. 35.

OH, rich delight ! the humble Christian's lot  
To walk by faith, within this world of sense ;  
Joy, with which strangers " intermeddle not,"  
To trace thine overruling Providence.

Upon my brow I meekly bear the sacred cross  
Which thou, my Lord, didst meekly bear for me ;  
Give me the grace to " count all things but loss,  
So I may win " and stand, complete in thee.

S. C. S.

GRANT, O Lord, that Christ may dwell in our hearts  
by faith : so that at last our body and soul be  
preserved blameless before thee at thy coming. We ask  
it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 14.

TO him that overcometh will I grant to sit with  
me in my throne. REV. iii. 21.

WHEN everything that is sincerely good, and perfectly  
divine,  
With truth, and peace, and love shall ever shine  
About the supreme throne  
Of him t' whose happy-making sight alone  
When once our heavenly guided soul shall clime,  
Then all this earthly grossness quit,  
Attired with stars, we shall forever sit,  
Triumphing over death, and chance, and thee, O Time !  
MILTON.

O CHRIST, when thou hadst overcome the sharpness  
of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to  
all believers. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 15.

LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us.  
ISAIAH xxvi. 12.

As I was gathering violets in the snow,  
Methought how often, when the heart is low,  
And nature grieves,  
The buds of simple faith will meekly blow  
'Neath frosted leaves. E. H.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all my petitions I may ask  
what may delight thee to bestow, and what may  
therefore profit me to receive, for the Lord Jesus'  
Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee, one  
God, world without end. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 16.

HE that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace  
of his lips the king shall be his friend.

PROV. xxii 11.

LORD, let my heart still turn to thee,  
In all my hours of waking thought ;  
Nor let this heart e'er wish to flee,  
Or think, or feel, where thou art not.

In every dream of earthly bliss,  
Do thou, dear Jesus, present be ;  
Nor let a thought of happiness  
On earth intrude, apart from thee !

LADY POWERSCOURT.

ETERNAL TRUTH ! strengthen thou me, so that  
I be not led away by vanity. Make me pure, as  
thou, my Lord, art pure. I ask it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 17.

THEY that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. ISAIAH xl. 31.

MAN's weakness waiting upon God  
Its end can never miss,  
For men on earth no work can do  
More angel-like than this.

Ill that he blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill ;  
And all is right that seems most wrong  
If it be his sweet will !

FABER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves ; keep us, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, we beseech thee, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 18.

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**L**ET this mind be in you, which was also in  
Christ Jesus. PHIL. ii. 5.

—◆—  
TAKE thy whole portion with thy Master's mind,  
Toil, hindrance, hardness, with his virtue take,  
And think how short a time thy heart may find  
To labor or to suffer for his sake.

And love shall teach us, while on him we lean,  
That in the certainty of coming bliss,  
We may be yearning for a world unseen,  
Yet wear our beautiful array in this.

A. L. WARING.

—◆—  
**D**EFEND us, O Lord, from all adversities which may  
happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 19.

I WILL be with him in trouble.

PSALM xci. 15.

It may be the bitter future  
Is less bitter than I think ;  
The Lord may sweeten the waters  
Before I come to drink ;  
Or, if Marah must be Marah,  
He will stand beside the brink.

M. J. BRAINERD.

IN thy compassion, O Lord, turn away from us those chastenings which indeed we deserve for our sins, but which in our human frailty we cannot endure, and embrace us with that tenderness thou dost bestow even on the unworthy ; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 20.

AND to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white : for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

REV. xix. 8.

As these white robes are soiled and dark  
To yonder snowy ground ;  
As this pale taper's earthly spark,  
To yonder argent round ;  
So shows my soul before the Lamb,  
My spirit before thee ;  
So in my earthly house I am  
To that I hope to be.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

MY soul hangs on thee, O Christ, alone ; it thirsts for thee, and till it arrives at the enjoyment of thee, it will still be waiting. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 21.

I HAVE heard thy prayer, I have seen thy  
tears. ISAIAH xxxviii. 5.

EVEN here,  
From his dear children's eyes, God wipes the tear ;  
And who would mourn, a tear should fill his eye  
For God to dry ;  
Angels might envy man his tearful eyes  
When God's hand dries. E. H.

LET thy merciful clemency, O Lord, be unto thy ser-  
vants, to heal our wounds, to forgive our sins, and  
at last to give us happy entrance into the joys of para-  
dise. We ask it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 22.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord :  
 . . . happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well  
 with thee. PSALM cxxviii. 1, 2.

WHOEVER makes it life's chief aim and end  
 To have his happiness on thee depend,  
 In him a well of joy forever springs,  
 And all day long his heart is glad and sings :  
 Who is like thee ?

CHRISTIAN GREGOR, 1778.

SPEEDILY may thy compassion overtake us, O Lord :  
 for in thee are our glad tidings, O Saviour and Guar-  
 dian of our souls and bodies, and to thee we ascribe all  
 the glory. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 23.

THERE remaineth therefore a rest to the people  
of God. HEB. iv. 9.

HUSHED on thy breast, the weary rest,  
Whose hearts were raised to thee,  
When waves of sin, and tempest din,  
Strove hard for mastery.  
To Calvary's cross, 'mid pain and loss,  
Still clung they tremblingly,  
And now in peace, where tempests cease,  
They rest eternally.

RECEIVE our souls, O Christ, when death shall come,  
into the blessed arms of thine unspeakable mercy,  
into the sacred rest of thine everlasting peace, into the  
glorious estate of thy chosen saints in heaven. We ask  
it for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 24.

MINE eyes are ever toward the Lord.  
PSALM xxv. 15.

FAITH that asketh never  
Why some days are dark ;  
Hope that lights her taper  
At the faintest spark ;  
Courage strong to gather  
From life's bitter, sweet ;  
Love that clings with fervor  
To the Saviour's feet ;  
These, and all fair graces  
Be thy gifts to me,  
Till in heavenly places  
Thy dear face I see.

W. M. L. JAY.

LET thy tenderness, O Lord, ever be stirred up for  
those whose trust is in thee, nor let thy grace fail  
them. We ask it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 25.

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TRUST in him at all times ; ye people, pour out  
your heart before him : God is a refuge for  
us. PSALM lxii. 8.

—◆—  
I know not what it is to doubt ;  
My heart is ever gay !  
I run no risk, for come what will,  
Thou always hast thy way.

And when it seems no chance or change  
From grief can set me free,  
Hope finds its strength in helplessness,  
And gayly waits on thee.

FABER.

—◆—  
WE yield thee hearty thanks, O Heavenly Father, that  
thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of  
thy grace and faith in thee. Increase this knowledge,  
and confirm this faith in us evermore, for Jesus' sake.  
*Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 26.

BE strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.  
2 TIM. ii. 1.

WORKMAN of God, oh lose not heart,  
But learn what God is like ;  
And in the darkest battle-field  
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Thrice blest is he to whom is given  
The instinct that can tell  
That God is on the field where he  
Is most invisible.

FABER.

MAY that which is to be performed by our humble  
ministration, O Lord, be fulfilled by thy effectual  
power ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 27.

REST in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.  
PSALM xxxvii. 7.

GOD doth not bid thee wait  
To disappoint at last ;  
A golden promise, fair and great,  
In precept mould is cast.  
Soon shall the morning gild  
The dark horizon dim,  
Thy heart's desire shall be fulfilled, —  
“*Wait* patiently for him.”

F. R. HAVERGAL.

GUARD thy servants, O Lord, with thy perpetual protection: that we may serve thee with an undistracted mind, and be quiet from fear of evil under thy shelter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 28.

AND the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. PHIL. iv. 7.

It is thine own, O Lord,  
Who toil while others sleep;  
Who sow with loving care  
What other hands shall reap:  
They lean on thee, entranced  
In calm and perfect rest.  
Give us that peace, O Lord,  
Divine and blest,  
Thou keepest for those hearts who  
Love thee best.

A. A. PROCTER.

DO thou purify our souls and bodies, O Saviour of body and soul, O loving bestower of eternal happiness, so shall we have peace through Jesus. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 29.

THE Lord direct your hearts into the love of  
God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.  
2 THESS. iii. 5.

Look away to Jesus,  
Look away from all ;  
Then we need not stumble,  
Then we shall not fall.  
From each snare that lureth,  
Foe or phantom grim,  
Safety this insureth,  
Look away to him !

F. R. HAVERGAL.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, make us subject unto thee  
with a ready will, and evermore stir up our souls to  
make supplication unto thee ; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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NOVEMBER 30.

HE first findeth his own brother. And he brought him to Jesus.

JOHN i. 41, 42.

HEART and heart together bound  
Seek in God your true repose ;  
In your love the price be found  
Of your Saviour's love and woes ;  
Each must onward urge his friend,  
Helping him in word or deed,  
Love's blest pathway to ascend,  
Following on where thou dost lead.

ZINZENDORF, 1731.

GRANT to us, Lord, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy commandments, and endeavor also to draw others unto thee ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER I.

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**A**WAKE, thou that sleepest, and arise from the  
dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

EPH. v. 14.

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JESU ! to thee our voices rise ;  
We watch, we pray, we weep !  
And our low supplicating cries  
Forbid our souls to sleep.

Dispel our slumbers, gracious Lord !  
Break all the chains of night !  
Loose all the bands of sin abhorred,  
And bathe our souls in light !

TRANS. BY BP. WILLIAMS.

—◆—  
**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, our hearts to pre-  
pare the ways of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that  
by his coming in our hearts, we may ever serve thee in  
body and soul, for his Name's sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 2.

WIST ye not that I must be about my Father's  
business ?

LUKE ii. 49.

My soul ! what hast thou done for God ?  
Look o'er thy misspent years and see !  
Sum up what thou hast done for God,  
And then what God hath done for thee !

He made thee when he might have made  
A soul that would have loved him more ;  
He rescued thee from nothingness,  
And set thee on life's happy shore.

FABER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, come to us in thy quick-  
ening love, and plant thy holy fear within our  
hearts, that thou mayest confess us at the last day before  
thy Father in heaven, and own us brethren, for thy mer-  
ciful Name's sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 3.

THE Lord taketh pleasure in his people : he will  
beautify the meek with salvation.

PSALM cxlix. 4.

LORD, at all times mayst thou within us find  
A loving spirit, and a child-like mind ;  
And from thy wounds may we receive the power,  
'Through all life's weal and woe, in every hour,  
To cling to thee !

CHRISTIAN GREGOR.

O THOU who on earth wert meek and lowly in heart,  
teach us all thy ways : teach us both to yield and to  
resist, to be silent, and to speak, yea, in all things to die  
unto self, that we may live unto thee ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 4.

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ASK and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.  
JOHN xvi. 24.

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FOR those we love — the poor, the sad,  
The sinful — unto thee we call :  
Oh ! let thy mercy make us glad !  
Thou art our Jesus and our all :  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesus, be our light.

FABER.

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THOU art the light of our hearts and souls, O God  
Christ, and to thee we render the glory, and to thy  
eternal Father, and to thy most holy and good and life-  
giving Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 5.

I WILL write upon him my new name.

REV. iii. 12.

My soul, rest happy in thy low estate,  
Nor hope nor wish to be esteemed as great ;  
To take the impression of a will divine,  
Be that thy glory, and those riches thine.

Confess him righteous in his just decrees,  
Love what he loves, and let his pleasures please.  
Die daily ; from the touch of sin recede :  
Then thou hast crowned him and he reigns indeed.

MADAME GUYON, 1648.

O GOD, may the bright Sun of righteousness never  
cease to shine within our hearts : thus may the desert  
of our nature rejoice and blossom as the rose, and the  
earthly within us be changed into the heavenly, to thy  
praise and glory, through Jesus. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 6.

YEA, I have loved thee with an everlasting love.  
JER. xxxi. 3.

MAY Jesus hold thee safely,  
Close to his beating heart ;  
And to thy soul's deep yearning  
His love and life impart.

May his own arm be 'round thee,  
And compass every side :  
Under his soft wing nestling,  
May'st thou for aye abide.

O THOU who art the God of peace and consolation,  
give us strength for every trial of life : if our spirits  
faint within us, still wilt thou so quicken our souls by  
faith and love, that we may at last come off more than  
conqueror ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 7.

THE people that do know their God shall be  
strong. DAN. xi. 32.

THOU lovest me, Father, with the love  
Wherewith thou lovedst Christ thy Son,  
And so a brightness from above  
Still glads me, though my tears may run ;  
For in thy love I find and know  
What all the world could ne'er bestow.  
LYRA GERMANICA.

ARM us, O Lord, with thy Spirit, encourage us with  
thy presence, and let us feel the effectual working of  
thy power, which is ever made perfect through weakness ;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 8.

FEAR thou not ; for I am with thee : be not dismayed ; for I am thy God : I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee ; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

ISAIAH xli. 10.

FIGHTING the whole day long  
With a very tired hand,  
With only my armor strong,  
The shelter in which I stand.

Only the Lord can hear,  
Only the Lord can see  
The struggle within how dark and drear,  
Though quiet the outside be.

GRANT, gracious Lord, that being conquerors in thee, and more than conquerors, we may enter into the kingdom of thy peace, and be forever with thee whom our souls love, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 9.

LORD, all my desire is before thee.  
PSALM xxxviii. 9.

DEAR Lord, to thee a thousand years  
Are as a day : with contrite tears  
One prayer I pray ! My little life, —  
Its good, its ill, its grief, its strife, —  
Oh, let it in thy holy sight,  
Like empty watches of a night  
Forgotten be ! and of my name,  
Dear Lord, who knowest all our frame,  
Let there remain no memory  
Save of the thing I longed to be !

TAKE away, O most merciful God, all that is mine,  
and give me all that is thine ; so shall I be free  
from sin, and certain of eternal life ; through Jesus  
Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 10.

NOW also Christ shall be magnified in my body,  
whether it be by life, or by death.

PHIL. i. 20.

THROUGH life and death, through sorrow and through  
sinning

Christ shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed.  
Christ is the end, for Christ is the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

FROM "CHRIST IN SONG."

O MERCIFUL GOD, may the blood of thy dear Son  
wash me from my wickedness, his merits plead for  
me, his death atone for my sins! Let me be clothed  
with his righteousness, sanctified by his Spirit, and at last  
receive me into thine own presence through his merits.  
*Amen.*

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## DECEMBER II.

HE hath put a new song in my mouth, even  
praise unto our God : many shall see it, and  
fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

PSALM xl. 3.

THOU art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place !  
So come, O King, and deign  
Within our hearts to reign,  
And our whole being sway ;  
Shine in us by thy light,  
And lead us to the height  
Of thy pure heavenly day.

JOHN CALVIN, 1537.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I beseech thee hasten  
the day, when thou shalt be glorified, with the glory  
due unto thy holy Name, and we shall sing unto thee in all  
joy, and felicity, laud and praise, for evermore. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 12.

THE Lord knoweth the days of the upright : and  
their inheritance shall be forever.

PSALM xxxvii. 18.

EACH scene in all my coming life  
Is fully known to thee ;  
Thou knowest the joy, the grief, or strife  
That will my portion be.  
And joyfully my spirit, Lord,  
I would to thee confide :  
Oh ! if thine arm but strength afford  
I need no other guide.

M. C. C.

DISPOSE our days in peace, O almighty and merciful  
Jesus, so shall we ever praise thy Name, world with-  
out end. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 13.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.  
EPH. v. 1.

GIVE me or pain or gladness at thy pleasure,  
Give what thy wisdom and thy love may choose,  
But be thou of my soul the hidden treasure,  
And all that soul's defilement let me lose.  
MRS. E. PRENTISS.

CREATE in me, O Lord, a saving knowledge of thee  
and of my duty, a justifying faith, true sanctification,  
a purifying hope, an ardent love, and a filial fear of thee,  
a constant desire of displeasing thee, and a great tenderness  
of offending thee : for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 14.

AND they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts,  
in that day when I make up my jewels.  
MAL. iii. 17.

THEN mourn not thou the sainted dead,  
To thy true heart so dear ;  
Each in his lowly, quiet bed  
Slumbers, forgotten here.  
Yet, in the courts of God above,  
Their names, all radiant, shine ;  
Each secret deed of Christian love  
Is known in that bright clime. M. C. C.

KEEP us, O Lord, so truly in thy love and favor all  
our life long, that when thou callest us hence, we  
may be received into thine eternal rest, thy perpetual light,  
thy perfect peace, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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DECEMBER 15.

I CAN do all things through Christ which  
strengtheneth me. PHIL. iv. 13.

EVERY sorrow, every smart,  
That the eternal Father's heart  
Hath appointed me of yore,  
Or hath yet for me in store,  
As my life flows on I'll take  
Calmly, gladly, for his sake,  
No more faithless murmurs make.

PAUL GERHARDT, 1659.

OTHOU who bringest good out of evil, and light out  
of darkness, and dost nourish strength in the souls  
of those who patiently endure chastening at thy righteous  
hand, dispose us to an humble and thankful use of all  
thy dealings with us, even of those which are darkest  
to our mortal sight, and so to glorify thy holy Name ;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER 16.

I AM with thee, and will keep thee in all places  
whither thou goest. GEN. xxviii. 15.

WHAT shall the future progress be  
Of life with me?  
God knows, — I roll on him my care, —  
Night is not night if he be there.  
When daylight is no longer mine,  
And stars forbidden are to shine,  
I'll turn my eyes  
To where eternal day shall rise.

HYMNS OF THE CHURCH MILITANT.

O LORD, I know not what I should ask of thee, thou  
only knowest what I want, and thou lovest me bet-  
ter than I can love myself. Into thy hands I commend  
my future, knowing that all must be well. Bless me for  
my Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 17.

MY days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.

JOB vii. 6.

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have  
no end. PSALM cii. 27.

STORM of night brings gold of dawning,  
Night of death precedes life's morning,  
Take the comfort, heed the warning,  
Time is marching on !

W. M. L. JAY.

LET me learn from thee, O God, how little is all that is  
earthly, how great all that is heavenly, how short all  
that is of time, how lasting all that is of eternity. I ask  
it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER 18.

THEN they that feared the Lord spake often one to another : and the Lord hearkened and heard it : and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. MAL. iii. 16.

WE were talking about the King  
And our elder Brother,  
As we were used often to speak  
One to another.  
The Lord standing quietly by,  
In the shadows dim,  
Smiling, perhaps, in the dark, to hear  
Our sweet, sweet talk of him.

GRANT unto us, O loving Lord, that all Christians may be so joined together in unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may ever be found an holy temple acceptable unto thee, through thy merits, O merciful Saviour, whom we worship now and forever. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 19.

AND even to your old age I am he ; and even to  
hoar hairs will I carry you.

ISAIAH xlv. 4.

GRACIOUS source of every blessing,  
Guard our breasts from anxious fears :  
Let us each, thy care possessing,  
Sink into the vale of years.

All our hopes on thee reclining,  
Peace, companion of our way,  
May our sun, in smiles declining,  
Rise in everlasting day.

LYRA GERMANICA.

LORD, thou hast often heard, helped, and saved in  
former years : continue thy gracious favor unto us,  
that at last we may be forever with thee in our heavenly  
home. We ask it for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 20.

WHEN the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall  
receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not  
away. I PETER v. 4.

OH, teach us henceforth, Lord, to see  
That human want and human woe  
Point out where thou would'st have us go ;  
That wrecks of souls along life's sands  
Show where thy work needs loving hands ;  
And when we start dismayed  
To see some shadow in the path,  
Say soft, " O ye of little faith,  
'T is I, be not afraid."

W. M. L. JAY.

GRANT to our hearts, O Lord, an invincible power of  
love, that the desires conceived by thine inspiration  
may not be changed by any temptation ; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 21.

LORD, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.  
MARK ix. 24.

I FALTER where I firmly trod,  
And falling with my weight of cares  
Upon the great world's altar-stairs  
That slope through darkness up to God,  
I stretch lame hands of faith and grope,  
And gather dust and chaff, and call  
To what I feel is Lord of all,  
And faintly trust the larger hope.

TENNYSON.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us the faith of  
Christ for a light to our feet amid the darkness of  
this world ; have pity upon all who, by doubting or de-  
nying it, are gone astray from the path of safety ; bring  
home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive  
it as little children ; through the same Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER 22.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

ROM. viii. 1.

UNWORTHY, Lord, are we,  
The latchet of thy sandal to untie ;  
Yet thou, O God, from thine eternity  
Dost come forth clothed with our humanity ;  
Most wondrous of all wondrous mystery,  
The Maker, and yet servant, of our race ;  
And in the awful grandeur of thy grace  
Bending before us on thy human knee,  
Dost wash the dust of sin from our poor feet,  
That they may tread unchallenged heaven's street.

A. E. H.

BEING cleansed by thy precious blood, O Christ, may we ever render unto thee a pure worship ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 23.

MY kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

ISAIAH liv. 10.

TEACH me, O Father, this truth to discover,  
That in the snow-flakes which over us hover,  
Skies all aglow or aflame,  
Grief that depresses, or gladness that raises,  
I of thy love see the manifold phases,  
Love that is ever the same.

W. M. L. JAY.

LORD, we bless thee for thine innumerable benefits bestowed on us thy unworthy creatures. Give us true gratitude, that we may serve thee all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 24.

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GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will to men. LUKE ii. 14.

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THE happy Christmas comes once more,  
The heavenly guest is at the door :  
The blessed words the shepherds thrill,  
The joyous tidings : peace, good will !

O wake our hearts, in gladness sing !  
And keep our Christmas with our king,  
Till living song, from loving souls,  
Like sound of mighty waters rolls.

TRANSLATED FROM THE DANISH, BY C. P. KRAUTH.

—◆—  
O GOD, who hast made this most sacred night to  
shine with the illumination of the true light : grant  
that we may joyfully receive thine only begotten Son as  
our Redeemer, for his sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

BEHOLD, I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people. For unto you is  
born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord. LUKE ii. 10, 11.

STARS, earth, and all the spreading sea,  
With heaven's unknown immensity,  
With a new song salute the morn,  
When, Saviour, thou on earth wert born.  
And we, whose souls the sacred wave  
Of thy dear blood from sin doth lave,  
Hail with warm hearts thy natal day,  
And in glad hymns our tribute pay.

TRANS. BY BISHOP WILLIAMS.

GRANT, O merciful God, that he who was born this  
day to be the Saviour of the world, as he is the  
Author of divine birth, so may be himself the bestower  
of our immortality, through the same Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER 26.

LOOKING unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ; who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEB. xii. 2.

FOR him the silver ladder shall be set ;  
His Saviour shall receive his latest breath ;  
He walketh to a fadeless coronet  
Up through the gate of death !

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed ; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may behold thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succor all those who suffer for thee, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 27.

NOW there was leaning on Jesus' bosom, one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

JOHN xiii. 23.

AND evermore beside him on his way  
The unseen Christ shall move,  
That he may lean upon his arm and say,  
"Dost thou, dear Lord, approve?"  
O holy trust! O endless sense of rest!  
Like the beloved John,  
To lay his head upon the Saviour's breast  
And thus to journey on.

LONGFELLOW.

O THOU good Shepherd, let me trust in thy love and feel thy supports, that whatever lies before me to be done or suffered, I may be enabled to do thy will, for thy blessed Name's sake. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 28.

OUT of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou  
hast perfected praise. MATT. xxi. 16.

THESE little ones whom we despise,  
These are the saints whom God doth canonize ;  
Yea, humble names we know not or forget,  
High in the calendar of heaven are set.  
Not lifted eyes,  
But contrite hearts, find favor in the skies.

A. E. H.

MAKE me, O Lord, to have faith as a little child, that  
so by the innocency of my life, and constancy of  
my faith even unto death, I may ever glorify thee,  
through Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

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## DECEMBER 29.

AND the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.  
JOHN i. 14.

FOR wisdom dealt with mortal powers,  
Where truth in closest words shall fail,  
When truth embodied in a tale,  
Shall enter in at lowly doors.

And so the word had breath, and wrought  
With human hands the creed of creeds,  
In loveliness of perfect deeds,  
More strong than all poetic thought.

TENNYSON.

GRANT, O God, that as we are bathed in the light of the incarnate Word, that which shines by faith in our minds may blaze out likewise in our actions, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 30.

THOU shalt call his name Jesus : for he shall  
save his people from their sins.

MATT. i. 21.

I KNOW thee, Saviour, who thou art,  
Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend ;  
Nor wilt thou with the night depart,  
But stay and love me to the end :  
Thy mercies never shall remove ;  
Thy nature and thy name is love.

CHARLES WESLEY.

DESPISE me not, O gracious Saviour, since I humbly  
entreat thee, and call upon thy most holy name of  
Jesus. Thy name is a saving name, a precious name,  
for it means that thou art my Saviour, and will redeem  
me by thy precious blood, from all my sins. To thee be  
the glory. *Amen.*

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DECEMBER 31.

JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, and to-day,  
and forever. HEB. xiii. 8.

O CHRIST ! eternal are thy human years.  
Brief in their space,  
Eternal in their grace ;  
In them for us God still doth live and move,  
The God of love,  
Wearing our flesh, in sorrow and in tears.

A. E. H

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, very God and very man,  
my Creator and Redeemer, thee I desire to love  
above all things ; pour upon me the riches of thy grace,  
that I may live holily, and serve thee perfectly to the  
end : and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost,  
be glory forever. *Amen.*

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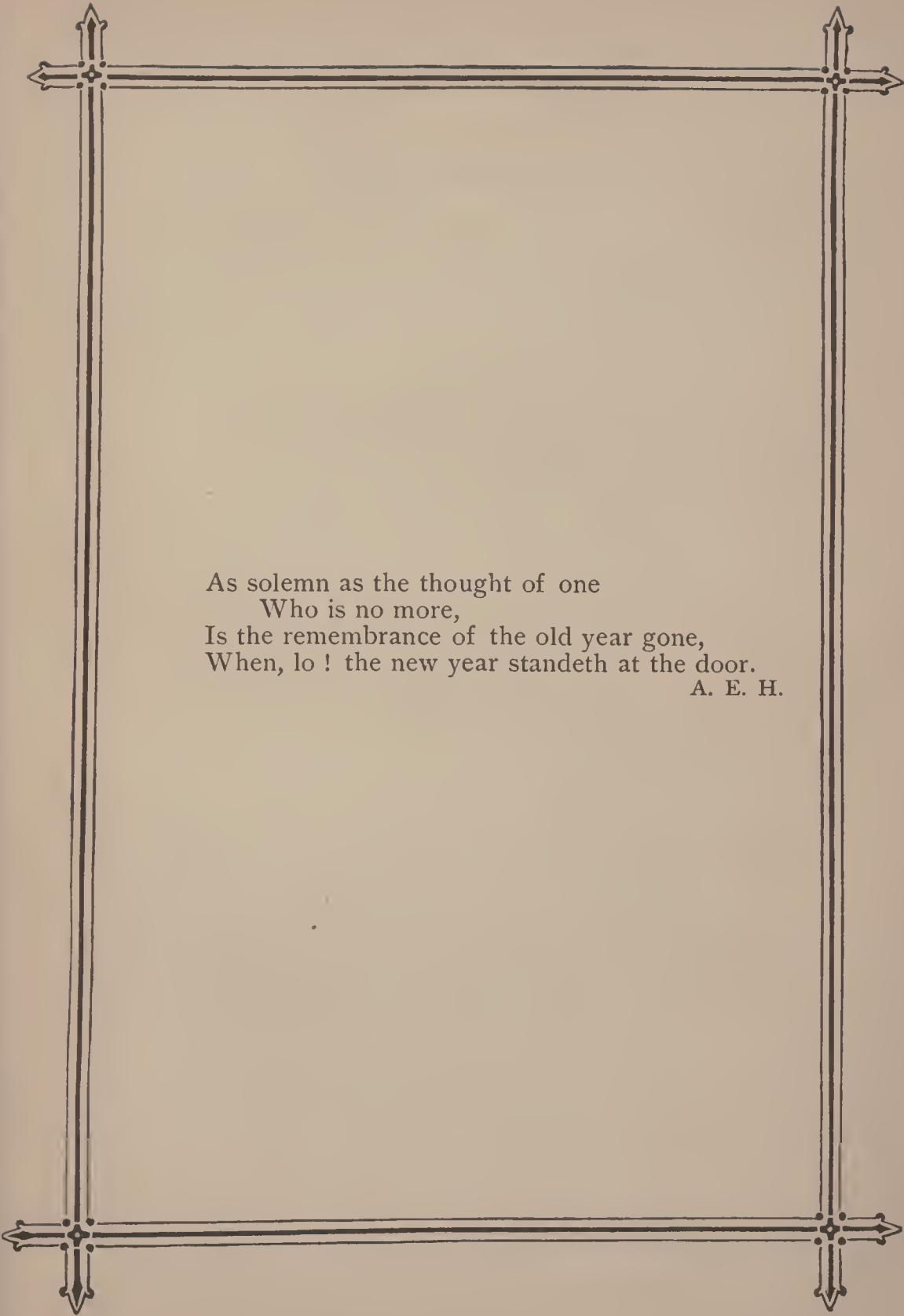
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As solemn as the thought of one  
Who is no more,  
Is the remembrance of the old year gone,  
When, lo ! the new year standeth at the door.  
A. E. H.





## ASH-WEDNESDAY.

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THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

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PSALM xxxiv. 18.

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WEARY of wandering from my God,  
And now made willing to return,  
I hear, and bow me to the rod;  
For thee, not without hope, I mourn:  
I have an Advocate above,  
A Friend before the throne of love.

O Jesu, full of pardoning grace,  
More full of grace than I of sin,  
Yet once again I seek thy face,  
Open thine arms and take me in;  
And freely my back-slidings heal,  
And love the faithless sinner still.

CHARLES WESLEY.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GOOD-FRIDAY.

JESUS CHRIST, and him crucified.

I COR. ii. 2.

O SACRED head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame bowed down ;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine !  
Yet though despised and gory  
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end ?  
O make me thine forever,  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for thee !

S. BERNARD, TRANS. BY GERHARDT.

HEAR us, O Lord Christ, crucified for our redemption,  
and so heal and transform us by thy most precious  
death, that we may live only unto thee, and that at the  
last hour of our departing from this mortal life we may  
commit our souls, reconciled and cleansed, into thine  
eternal hands, that thou mayest receive us into life im-  
mortal, there to reign with thee world without end.  
*Amen.*

## EASTER DAY.

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JESUS met them, saying, All hail.

MATT. xxviii. 9.

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O RISEN Christ ! thou art the door,  
The ever shining way,  
The blessed Easter-gate of life,  
That opens to the day !

To thee, fair lustrous lilies white, —  
Meet Easter-type, — we bring ;  
We chant : " The Lord is risen indeed,"  
First fruits of coming spring !

The spot that was thy guarded tomb,  
Now, with its angel guest,  
Seems but the lighted portal whence  
We pass unto our rest.

All praise, our risen Lord, to thee,  
For love that conquers death ;  
For faith that maketh quick to hear  
One word that " Jesus saith."

M. K. A. S.

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GRANT, O merciful God, that in the resurrection of  
our Lord Jesus Christ we may in very deed have  
our portion, for his sake. *Amen.*

## ASCENSION DAY.

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AND he lifted up his hands and blessed them.  
And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he  
was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.  
LUKE xxiv. 50, 51.

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THE angel host enraptured waits :  
"Lift up your heads, eternal gates !"  
O God and Man ! the Father's throne  
Is now for evermore thine own !

Our great High Priest and Shepherd, thou  
Within the vail art entered now,  
To offer there thy precious blood  
Once poured on earth a cleansing flood.

All praise from every heart and tongue  
To thee, ascended Lord, be sung :  
All praise to God the Father be,  
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

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GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as  
we do believe thy Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus  
Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may  
also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him con-  
tinually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the  
Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## WHITSUN-DAY.

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I WILL pray the Father, and he shall give you  
another Comforter, that he may abide with you  
for ever.

JOHN xiv. 16.

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Now, in divine compassion  
To hearts all cold and dead,  
The Comforter descendeth  
Its gracious gifts to shed.  
And straightway thence there springeth,  
Like blossoms from the sod,  
Fair bloom of heavenly virtues,  
Sweet love to man and God.  
Lord, 'neath this blessed sunshine  
And dew of love divine,  
Our spirit-life shall quicken  
To loveliness like thine.  
Then welcome. Guest celestial,  
To every human breast !  
Earnest of life immortal,  
Thou joy, and peace, and rest !

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MAY the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
cleanse our hearts, and make them fruitful with its  
plenteous dew ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*









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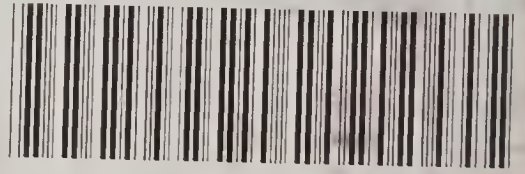
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